



Dems unveil impeachment procedures; GOP calls process unfair

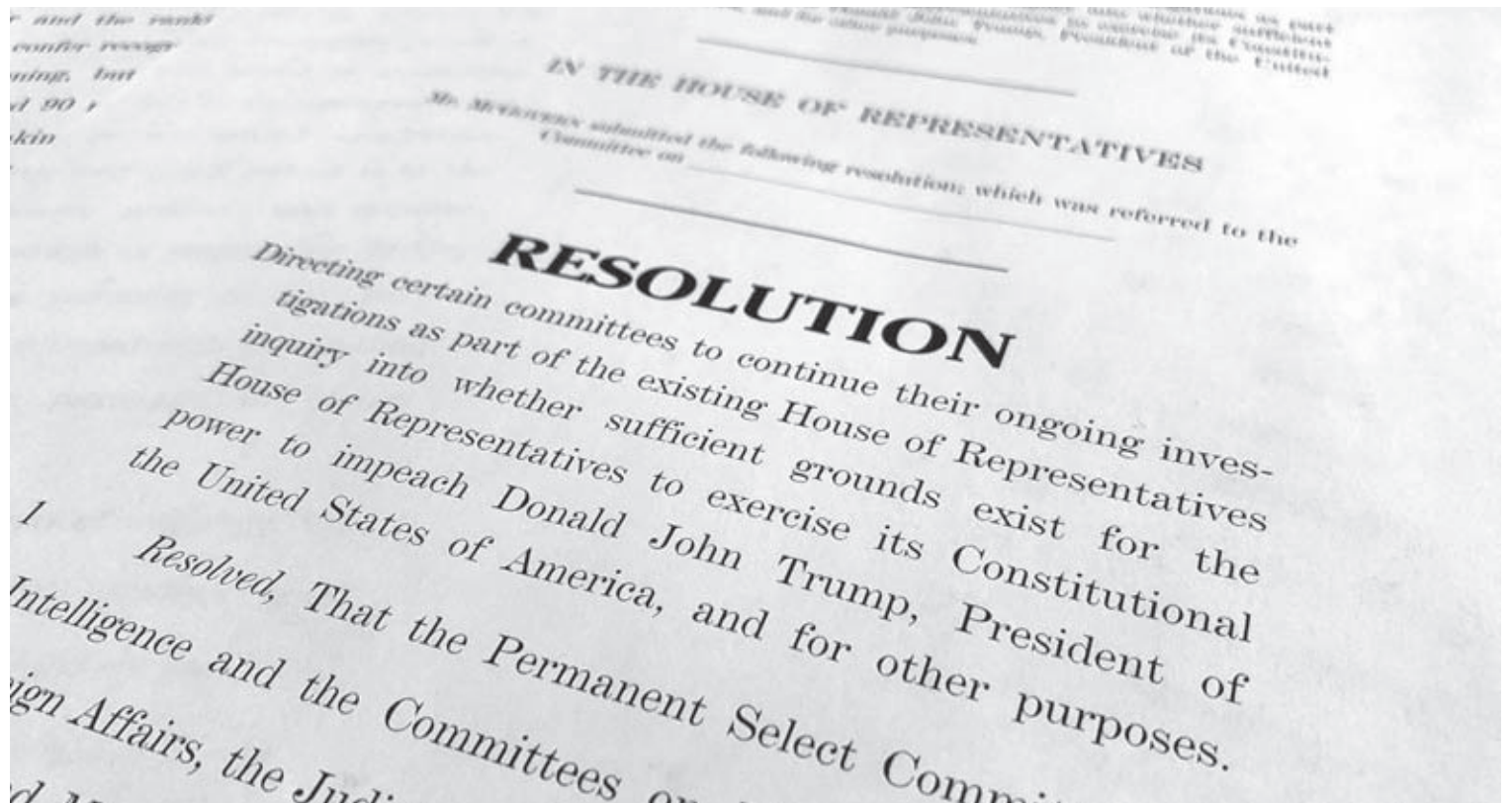
By MATTHEW DALY

Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) —

House Democrats unveiled legislation Tuesday authorizing the next phase of the impeachment inquiry against President Donald Trump as Democrats move to nullify complaints from Trump and his Republican allies that the impeachment process is illegitimate and unfair.

An eight-page resolution calls for open hearings and requires the House Intelligence Committee to submit a report outlining its findings and recommendations, with a final recommendation on impeachment left to the Judiciary Committee.



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The text of a House resolution released by the Democrats that authorizes the next phase of the impeachment inquiry against President Donald Trump is photographed in Washington, Tuesday, Oct. 29, 2019.

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House Minority Whip Steve Scalise, R-La., speaks with members of the media outside a secure area of the Capitol where Army Lt. Col. Alexander Vindman, a military officer at the National Security Council, arrived for a closed door meeting to testify as part of the House impeachment inquiry into President Donald Trump, Tuesday, Oct. 29, 2019, in Washington.

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Republicans would be allowed to request subpoenas, but such requests would ultimately be subject to a vote by the full committee, which Democrats control as the House major-

ity.

Democratic Rep. James McGovern of Massachusetts, the chairman of the House Rules Committee, said the resolution provides "a clear path forward" as the House begins a public

phase of the impeachment inquiry, which up to this point has largely consisted of closed-door interviews.

"This is a sad time for our country," McGovern said. "None of us came to Congress to impeach a president, but each of us took a solemn oath to protect and defend the Constitution."

"The president's Republican allies in Congress have tried to hide the president's conduct, but the American people will now see the facts firsthand," he added. White House press secretary Stephanie Grisham said the resolution merely "confirms that House Democrats' impeachment has been an illegitimate sham from the start as it lacked any proper authorization by a House vote."

The resolution "does nothing to change the fundamental fact that House Democrats refuse to provide basic due process rights to the administration," she said, adding that the White House is barred from participating at all until after the intelligence panel "conducts two rounds of one-sided hearings to generate a biased report for the Judiciary Committee." Separate language covering Judiciary proceedings allows for Trump and his lawyers to attend all Judiciary presentations and hearings. Trump's lawyers will be allowed to question any witness, according to a copy of the proposed Judiciary proceedings obtained by The Associated Press. The president can call witnesses if the committee agrees the testimony is "necessary or desirable to a full and fair record in the inquiry," the three-page document says.

The Judiciary language is expected to be incorporated into the larger resolution before the House votes on impeachment proceedings Thursday.

The impeachment inquiry is looking into Trump's July 25 call with Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskiy in which he asked for a "favor" — to investigate a Democratic rival for president. Democrats say the request and other actions by the administration to push Ukraine to investigate former Vice President Joe Biden and his family amounted to a quid pro quo for important military aid for Ukraine, providing sufficient grounds for impeachment.

The House is expected to vote on the resolution Thursday amid complaints from Trump and his Republicans allies that the monthlong impeachment process is illegitimate and unfair. Minority Whip Steve Scalise of Louisiana, the No. 2 House Republican, denounced what he called a "Soviet-style impeachment process" led by House Intelligence Committee Chairman Adam Schiff, D-Calif. More than 75% of House members have been unable to view what is happening in closed-door depositions conducted by the Intelligence panel and two other committees, Scalise said. "That represents more than 230 million Americans whose voices are denied right now," he said.

Wyoming Rep. Liz Cheney, the No. 3 House Republican, said Democrats "have basically cooked up a process they have been conducting in secret" with the goal of preventing Trump's lawyers from asking questions of witnesses.

Democrats "are now attempting to sort of put a cloak of legitimacy around this process by saying they're going to bring it to a vote on the floor," Cheney said. "They can't fix it. The process is broken. It's tainted."

Democrats insisted they were not yielding to Republican pressure and dismissed a GOP argument that impeachment can't begin without a formal House vote.

Schiff and other Democrats defended the process and said the American people will soon hear from witnesses in an open setting, with transcripts of depositions already conducted set for public release.

"The evidence we have already collected paints the picture of a president who abused his power by using multiple levers of government to press a foreign country to interfere in the 2020 election," Schiff and three other committee chairs said in a statement Tuesday.

Following in the footsteps of previous impeachment inquiries, the next phase will move from closed depositions to open hearings, "where the American people will learn firsthand about the president's misconduct," the Democrats said. □

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Military wants more rules for turbines near nuclear missiles

By JAMES MacPHERSON
Associated Press

BISMARCK, N.D. (AP) — The military wants North Dakota and four other states with nuclear missile arsenals to consider introducing new rules aimed at preventing

added to wind towers that is compatible with night vision goggles worn by the helicopter pilots who patrol the 8,500-square-mile (22,000-square-kilometer) missile field in northern North Dakota.

operators already work with the Defense Department to mitigate any potential risks from wind farms.

"We in the wind industry would prefer not to see state legislation," Vinson said. "The federal review

process is already robust." Vinson said "one-size-fits-all" state rules would be overly restrictive and could halt projects.

"There may be ways to mitigate concerns that would allow a project to move

forward," he said.

Vinson said 35% of the nation's wind farms operate within 50 miles (80 kilometers) of a military facility, without harming national security or altering military missions. □



This May 6, 2013 file photo shows a wind turbine farm owned by PacifiCorp near Glenrock, Wyo.

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conflicts between wind turbines and helicopters that provide security at launch facilities.

Department of Defense and Air Force officials outlined their concerns in a letter before meeting Tuesday with North Dakota lawmakers and regulatory officials. "Wind turbine development near launch facilities and missile alert facilities compromise the use of military helicopters to provide overhead security in sensitive locations," the letter said.

The Defense Department last month asked the North Dakota Public Service Commission to consider new rules, including increasing the distance tenfold to more than 2 miles (3.2 kilometers) between a wind turbine and missile launch facility. The military also wants special lighting

The commission, which approves siting permits for wind farms, has not acted on the requests. The Associated Press sought to attend Tuesday's meeting between the military and state lawmakers but was barred after military officials protested.

The military said it's also "an issue of concern" in Montana, Wyoming, Colorado and Nebraska.

Mark Mahoney, the regional environmental coordinator for the Defense Department, told the AP after the meeting that the military would ask other states to also consider the changes proposed in North Dakota. "We want consistency," he said.

Tom Vinson, vice president of regulatory affairs for the American Wind Energy Association, said wind devel-

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Conservatives in some states push against death penalty

By MEAD GRUVER

Associated Press

CHEYENNE, Wyo. (AP) —

Conservatives in states including Wyoming, Utah and Ohio vowed Monday to keep pushing for the repeal of state-level death penalty sentences, even as U.S. officials move toward resuming federal executions.

The national group Conservatives Concerned About the Death Penalty released a statement with over 250 signatures saying the death penalty is costly, prone to error and inconsistent with conservatives' opposition to abortion.

"We have come to the conclusion that the death penalty does not work and can't be made to work, not in spite of our conservative principles, but because of them," the statement read. Twenty-nine U.S. states have the death penalty and four of those have moratoriums on the sen-



This Nov. 4, 2015, file photo, provided by the Ohio House of Representatives, shows Ohio state Rep. Niraj Antani, a Republican who represents Ohio's 42nd District.

Associated Press

tence, according to the Death Penalty Information Center. In Wyoming, the state Legislature last winter came the closest it had in recent memory to abolishing capital punishment. The measure passed the Wyoming House but failed

18-12 in the state Senate. Repeal opponents argued in part that capital punishment encourages criminals to cooperate with investigators. Republican state Rep. Jared Olsen of Cheyenne promised in a news confer-

ence with the anti-death-penalty group to try again with a bill in 2020.

U.S. officials announced in July that federal executions would resume after a 16-year informal moratorium.

"It puts us in categories of nations like North Korea, where we simply don't stand with our values," Olsen said about the federal move.

The debate in Wyoming last winter marked an abrupt shift on capital punishment in the Legislature where Republicans outnumbered Democrats 77-13.

Repeal advocates argued that having the law on the books costs the state almost \$1 million a year, even though Wyoming hasn't had anybody on death row since 2014 and last executed someone in 1992.

The fiscal argument resonated as Wyoming struggles with lower revenue due to hard times in the coal and natural gas ex-

traction industries.

Conservatives in Ohio and Utah, which also have large GOP statehouse majorities, voiced optimism Monday that death penalty repeal can catch on as a conservative cause.

Recently elected legislators in Utah seem more supportive of repeal in the state that reinstated the firing squad as an execution option in 2015, said Darcy Van Orden with the Utah Justice Coalition, which seeks criminal justice reforms including an end to the death penalty.

In Ohio, Republican Rep. Niraj Antani of Miamisburg said conservatives are being pushed to think about repeal.

"Even the chance of someone being put to death who could be innocent, I believe, for pro-life people across the country, is enough to oppose the death penalty," Antani said. □

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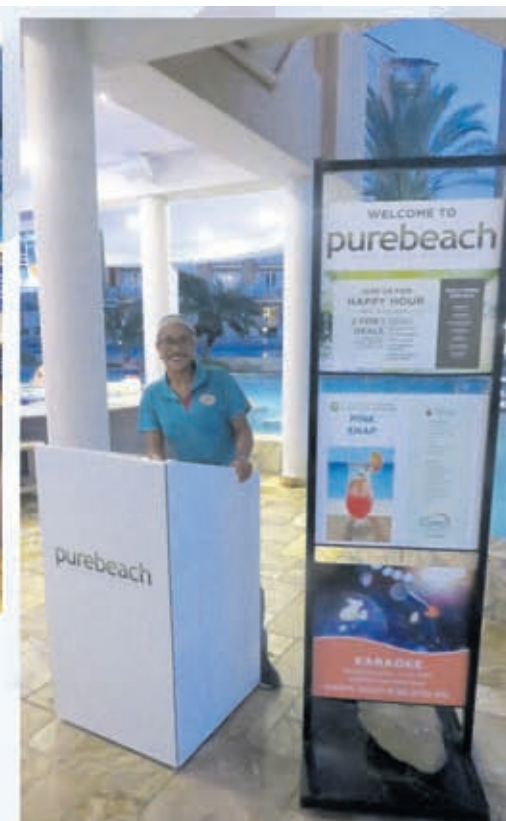
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U.S. finalizing rule to allow farmers to legally grow hemp

By DAVID PITT

Associated Press

DES MOINES, Iowa (AP)

— U.S. agriculture officials said Tuesday a rule that allows farmers to legally grow hemp will be finalized this week, a move that many states have awaited for months so they can begin widespread hemp production.

The rule is set to be published Thursday and effective immediately. It establishes requirements for licensing, maintaining records on the land where hemp will be grown, testing the levels of THC — the active ingredient in marijuana that causes a high — and disposing plants that don't meet the requirements.

In addition, a national hemp-growing program that Congress authorized in the 2018 farm bill will be launched by the rule.

Hemp and marijuana are both cannabis plants but have different levels of THC. Industrial hemp can be used in food, fiber, paper, beauty products and other products, and the industry estimates it could grow nationally to be a \$1.9 billion market by 2022.

Jumping into hemp growing may not be a simple task for traditional farmers. Minnesota hemp farmer David Connor said growing 26 acres of hemp this year was labor intensive with planting, harvesting and drying all done by hand. New equipment is coming



In this Oct. 10, 2019 file photo, workers at MERJ farms unload hemp plants during the first harvest at the Sullivan County farm, in Bristol, Tenn.

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out that will ease some of the manual labor, he said, but it's not as easy as growing row crops like corn and soybeans.

Connor, who runs Paw Paw Hemp Co. with a partner, grows for CBD products, a market that has expanded exponentially in recent years. CBD, a compound found in the hemp plant, is used in a wide assortment of foods and as pain relievers, as well as for other medical conditions.

Extracting it is legal in some states but not others. And in April, the Food and Drug Administration issued warning letters to companies for making unapproved health claims about CBD

products.

Some farmers may not find it profitable to grow for the CBD market. For example, farmers in Iowa where CBD extraction is not legal would have to ship their plants elsewhere for CBD oil extraction.

Those who hope to grow for the industrial hemp market for products that could replace plastic or for fiber may find scarce buyers.

"I am only aware of three active fiber plants, two in Kentucky and one in North Carolina," said Robin Pruisner, a state entomologist who's focused on hemp production for the Iowa Department of Agriculture. "We need that infrastruc-

ture for processing and manufacturing to evolve for it to become a long-term viable crop."

Her advice for hemp farmers it to have a signed contract from a buyer before they begin production.

Some states have grown hemp on a smaller scale under the 2014 farm bill pilot program. The 2018 law removed industrial hemp from the list of illegal drugs and required the USDA to set up a national hemp growing program.

The rule establishes testing of plants that must be done in a Drug Enforcement Administration-registered laboratory, raising initial concerns that could create a

bottleneck in the process if there aren't enough labs available.

Iowa, for example, currently has just one state laboratory that will do the testing. USDA officials say nationally there are as many as 250 labs and the agency may allow private labs to become certified for hemp testing.

Sampling must be conducted within 15 days of harvest by a sampling firm or law enforcement agent, the rule says. The concentration of THC must be below 0.3%. Plants measuring too high must be destroyed.

At least 47 states have passed laws to establish hemp production programs, according to the National Conference of State Legislatures. Exceptions include South Dakota, Idaho and Mississippi.

The rule published Thursday is an interim rule. The USDA can change it if necessary to make the program run efficiently. The interim rule ends in two years, at which time the USDA will release a final rule.

"We will use the 2020 growing season as a chance to test drive the interim rule to guide any adjustments that are made in the final rule," said Greg Ibach, the USDA undersecretary for farm production and conservation.

U.S. Agriculture Secretary Sonny Perdue said farmers should speak up if they have suggestions. □

Anger mounts as utility imposes more blackouts in California

By JANIE HAR and JOCELYN GECKER

Associated Press

SAN RAFAEL, Calif. (AP) —

With no electricity for the fourth straight day Tuesday, chef and caterer Jane Sykes realized she would have to throw out \$1,000 worth of food, including trays of brownies, cupcakes and puff pastry.

She also had little hope of getting a good night's sleep — there was no way to run the machine she relies on to counter her apnea.

"I don't think PG&E really thought this through," she lamented.

Frustration and anger mounted across Northern California on Tuesday as the state's biggest utility, Pacific Gas & Electric, began another round of widespread blackouts aimed at preventing its electrical equipment from sparking wildfires in high winds.

Millions of people have been without power for days as fire crews race to contain two major wind-whipped blazes that have destroyed dozens of homes at both ends of the state: in Sonoma County wine country and in the hills of Los Angeles.

Across Northern California, people worried about charging cellphones and electric vehicles, finding gasoline and cash, and keeping their food from spoiling and staying warm. They donned headlamps at home and parked their cars outside inoperable automatic garage doors.

Some ended up at centers set up by PG&E where people could go to power their electronics and get free water, snacks, flashlights and solar lanterns.

"There's a hidden cost," Sykes said. "Absolutely public safety above all else, but there's a big financial loss for my profession, having to throw away a lot of hard work."

PG&E said Tuesday's blackouts — the third round in a week — would affect about 1.5 million people in 29 counties, including 1 million still without power from a shut-off over the weekend.



A helicopter drops water as a wildfire called the Getty fire burns on Kenter Canyon in Los Angeles, Monday, Oct. 28, 2019.

Associated Press

The outages have made people like Linda Waldron, a mother of two who lives north of San Francisco in San Rafael, realize the things we take for granted. She discovered she was low on gas and began to panic as she drove around looking for an open gas station. She wound up driving to San Francisco, about 20 miles (32 kilometers) away, before she found one. She also stocked up on cash after realizing she had only \$1 in her wallet.

"What if we needed to evacuate and I had no gas in the car?" she said as her 5-year-old daughter and 3-year-old son cavorted at a playground. "I didn't even think about gas and cash because I'm too busy with these guys."

In Placer County, Angel Smith relied on baby wipes and blankets to keep her 13-month-old son Liam warm and clean. The family has been without power since Saturday night and cannot draw well water without electricity.

She ran a cord from her neighbors' generator to keep her phone and tablet charged so the two could watch movies. Tempera-

tures were expected to drop below freezing overnight in parts of Northern California.

"The hardest part about this for me has been making sure I keep my son warm as it gets cold here," Smith said.

In Mendocino County, officials say they are struggling to keep the public informed because they can't trust the information they're getting from PG&E.

"The issue isn't even all of the power shutoffs," said Carmel Angelo, the county's chief executive. "It's the lack of communication. It's letting people think they're getting their power back."

After the weekend shutoff, some people were led to believe the power would come back Monday and that the next round of outages would avoid Mendocino's most populous areas. But Angelo said she learned Tuesday that the outage was still in effect because of two damaged transmission lines dozens of miles away in Marin County.

If people knew the lights would be out for a week they could've planned accordingly, she said. It's been especially trouble-

some for those who need oxygen. Some of the trucks that resupply oxygen have been caught in long delays for gas, and some patients have been admitted to the emergency room as a precaution, she said.

Mendocino residents Suzanne Lemley Schein and her husband, Glenn, lost power on Saturday and have been spending the time since playing backgammon by candlelight and going to bed early.

They haven't been able to rent out a studio on their property, or even offer it to wildfire evacuees, because it has no power or water.

She said she doesn't like "the power that PG&E has over all of us," she said. "This has crippled us in a lot of ways."

Sykes, the caterer, is among some people in well-to-do Marin County, north of San Francisco, who have been without power since Saturday.

She lives in San Rafael but works in San Francisco, so she has "civilization during the day," but she said it is eerie to drive along darkened highways. She hasn't opened her freezer since the outage and is not look-

ing forward to it.

"I'm pretty sure it's not going to be salvageable," she said.

PG&E, which is in bankruptcy after its equipment was blamed for a string of disastrous fires over the past three years, including a blaze that all but destroyed the town of Paradise and killed 85 people, has said its foremost concern is public safety.

But Gov. Gavin Newsom and top utility regulators have accused the company of mismanaging its power system and failing for decades to make the investments needed to make it more durable. He and others have also complained that the utility has botched the outages by not keeping the public adequately informed.

PG&E said Monday its power lines may have started two smaller wildfires over the weekend in a part of the San Francisco Bay Area, where the utility had kept the lights on because it was not designated a high fire risk.

Lafayette resident Vicki McCaslin, 60, was evacuated during one of those fires and wasn't happy to have the power back on Tuesday morning.

"I'm scared to death," she said at a Starbucks in Lafayette, where people have gathered to charge phones over the past few days. "I don't want it on if there's strong winds tonight."

The California Public Utilities Commission plans to open an investigation that could result in fines against PG&E. The commission said it also plans to review the rules governing blackouts, will look to prevent utilities from charging customers when the power is off and will convene experts to find grid improvements that might lessen shut-offs next fire season.

The state can't continue experiencing such widespread blackouts, "nor should Californians be subject to the poor execution that PG&E in particular has exhibited," PUC President Marybel Batjer said in a statement. □

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Small plane crashes, leaving pilot dead, houses ablaze

By DAVID PORTER
WOODBRIDGE, N.J. (AP)

— A small plane crashed through the roof of a home Tuesday, killing the pilot and causing an explosion that set two houses ablaze in a New Jersey suburb of New York City.

No one was in the home that the Cessna 414 crashed into, but flames spread to another house, where a woman escaped injury, Woodbridge Mayor John McCormac said.

The plane went down not far from an elementary school at about 11 a.m., according to National Transportation Safety Board investigator Adam Gerhardt.

The crash sent flames into the air, belched smoke for hours and left neigh-

bors thinking the earth was shaking.

Steven Smith lives around the corner from the crash site. He said he heard a plane coming in low as if it was diving.

"Then there was a real short pause for about two seconds. Then there was a massive boom that shook my whole house," Smith said.

Gerhardt said the wreckage could take up to three days to clear from the house, whose second story the plane had nearly shorn off before becoming embedded in the basement. He said a third home was also affected.

The flight left Leesburg, Virginia, with only the pilot aboard, before 10 a.m., authorities said. □

Federal judge blocks Alabama's strict abortion ban

By KIM CHANDLER
MONTGOMERY, Ala. (AP) —

A federal judge on Tuesday blocked Alabama's near-total abortion ban from taking effect next month and called the law — part of a wave of new abortion restrictions by conservative states — clearly unconstitutional.

U.S. District Judge Myron Thompson issued a preliminary injunction temporarily blocking Alabama from enforcing the law that would make performing an abortion a felony in almost all cases. The ruling came after abortion providers sued to block the law from taking effect Nov. 15. The injunction was widely expected and will remain in place until Thompson decides the full case.

"Alabama's abortion ban contravenes clear Supreme Court precedent," Thompson wrote in an accompanying opinion. "It violates the right of an individual to privacy, to make choices central to personal dignity and autonomy. It diminishes the capacity of women to act in society, and to make reproductive decisions. It defies the United States Constitution." Energized by new conservatives on the U.S. Supreme Court, Alabama and other conservative states have attempted to enact new restrictions on abortion in the hopes of getting Su-



In this Wednesday, May 15, 2019 file photo released by the state shows Alabama Gov. Kay Ivey signing a bill that virtually outlaws abortion in the state, in Montgomery, Ala. Associated Press

preme Court justices to reconsider Roe v. Wade, the landmark 1973 decision that legalized abortion nationwide.

A number of states attempted to ban abortion once a fetal heartbeat is detected. The Alabama law went further by attempting to ban almost all abortions with no exceptions for cases of rape and incest.

Passed by the Republican-led legislature, the 2019 Alabama Human Life Protection Act would make performing an abortion at any stage of pregnancy a felony punishable by up to 99 years or life in prison for the abortion provider. The only exceptions would be when there is a serious health risk to the mother or the fetus has a lethal anomaly that

would cause it to die shortly after birth.

None of the state bans has taken effect. Some have already been blocked, and elsewhere courts are considering requests to put them on hold while legal challenges play out.

"This is not only a victory for the people of Alabama — it's a victory for the entire nation. We said it from the start: This ban is blatantly unconstitutional, and we will fight it every step of the way," said Staci Fox, president and CEO of Planned Parenthood Southeast. Planned Parenthood was one of the groups that sued to block the law.

Randall Marshall, executive director of the American Civil Liberties Union of Alabama, said the decision was expected. □

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Early elections in UK have mixed fortunes for key parties

By TAMER FAKAHANY Associated Press

LONDON (AP) — After more than three years of Brexit stasis, stalemate, gridlock and increasingly toxic divide since the United Kingdom narrowly voted to leave the European Union, another general election is on the cards.

But will it break the parliamentary impasse and how will a frustrated and exhausted electorate vote? Early elections in Britain have had mixed fortunes for key parties in the past. **THERESA MAY'S DOWNWARD SPIRAL IN 2017**

An embattled Prime Minister May called for an early election in 2017, just under a year after she took over from David Cameron. Cameron stepped down, with a sizeable Conserva-



In this June 9, 2017 file photo, British Prime Minister Theresa May listens as the declaration at her constituency is made for in the general election in Maidenhead, England.

Associated Press

tive Party majority from the 2015 election but tainted by the ignominy of losing the EU referendum. Cameron gambled that the country wouldn't vote "leave" and he could quell

pro-Brexit Tories in his own party. He was wrong by a small but punishing margin with years of painful fallout for all concerned to follow. As premier, the unelected May, feeling the heat from

all quarters as she negotiated Britain's exit from the EU, called an election to fortify her position both at home and abroad. It backfired spectacularly. Throughout the campaign, May repeated a mantra that she offered "strong and stable" leadership. It would come to haunt her.

The election resulted in a hung parliament. May had lost the majority and so began a two-year slide to her eventual departure with a failed legacy. Another of her phrases, "Brexit means Brexit" became consigned to the dustbins of recent British history.

HAROLD WILSON'S GAMBIT IN 1974

The political atmosphere in 1974 was beset with a miners' strike that forced then Conservative Prime Minister

Edward Heath to call an early election as he sought a mandate to battle the strikers. A hung parliament resulted.

The Labour Party's Harold Wilson became leader for another spell after his stint in the 1960s and he then called an early election just six months later in October 1974 to gain a majority. He was successful. But the years that followed after he stepped down in 1976 were weighed down by public sector trade union strikes that affected day-to-day life for millions. This "Winter of Discontent" paved the way for Margaret Thatcher to return a more hard-line and right-wing Tory party to power in 1979.

JOHNSON VS CORBYN AND OTHERS IN 2019

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Egypt arrests train conductor after youth jumps to his death



In this Oct. 23, 2018 file photo, people wait for the train to pass in Shubra, Cairo, Egypt.

Associated Press

By SAMY MAGDY

Associated Press

CAIRO (AP) — An Egypt-

tian train conductor who forced two poor street vendors without tickets to jump

off a moving train, leading to the death of one of the youths, has been arrested, authorities said Tuesday.

The incident, which took place Monday in the Nile Delta town of Tanta, has stirred public outrage. Footage of an ensuing argument between the conductor and other passengers on the train went viral, along with calls on social media for the resignation of Egypt's Transportation Minister Kamel el-Wazir. The other youth who was forced to jump off the train was injured.

Railway authorities said the conductor demanded the youths "pay tickets but they

refused," after which he opened a carriage door for them to jump. Prosecutor Mohammed el-Feki on Tuesday ordered the conductor to remain in custody for four days pending an investigation.

Just hours later, at least four people were killed in a separate train accident Tuesday morning when a vehicle crashed into a train in the southern tourist city of Luxor, authorities said. Four others were injured.

Egypt's railway system has a history of badly maintained equipment and poor management.

In February, at least 25 people were killed in a

massive explosion when an unmanned locomotive slammed into a barrier inside Cairo's bustling central train station.

That accident led to the resignation of Transportation Minister Hisham Arafar and the appointment of el-Waizir, a career army officer.

The country's deadliest train crash occurred in 2002, when over 300 people died after a fire erupted on a speeding train traveling from Cairo to southern Egypt. The latest official figures show that 1,793 train accidents took place across the country in 2017. □



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Rights groups blast new Greek asylum rules

By DEREK GATOPOULOS
THEODORA TONGAS

ATHENS, Greece (AP) — International human rights groups and relief agencies on Tuesday sharply criticized plans by Greece's government to toughen asylum procedures to try to manage a recent surge in arrivals of migrants and refugees.

The groups including Amnesty International, Human Rights Watch, and Doctors Without Borders said in a series of separate statements and at a news conference in Athens that the proposed changes would restrict the right of refugees fleeing wars in Syria, Iraq and elsewhere to seek international protection in the European Union.

"They are putting up obstacles to access the asylum system which is a basic human right. It's moving to mindset of punishment," said Gabriel Sakellariadis, head of Amnesty in Greece.

"The changes will lead to the creation of a large group of people who do not have the proper papers. They will be even further marginalized in society."

The proposed changes are due to be voted on in Greece's parliament this week, and include expanded powers to detain migrants whose asylum applications are being pro-

cessed or have been rejected as well as plans to ramp up deportations.

Greek authorities are struggling to cope with a sharp rise in the number of arrivals over the summer months on Lesbos and other islands in the eastern Aegean Sea where EU-funded camps are suffering severe overcrowding and outbreaks of violence.

According to recently reported EU data, Greece is now Europe's busiest entry point with more than 47,500 arrivals this year through Oct. 6, a 29% increase from 2018. The report said Greece has received more than 2.2 billion euros (\$2.4 billion) in EU assistance but is failing to make use of a 2016 EU-Turkey agreement that allowed for the deportation of many migrants from Greece back to Turkey.

"Returns of all new irregular migrants from Greece to Turkey under the (agreement) is a continuous challenge. Greece has managed to return only 1,908 migrants under the (agreement), with the pace slowing and around 100 returns this year. This is a major obstacle to progress, also linked to the lengthy asylum procedures currently in place in Greece," the report said.

Greece's conservative prime minister, Kyriakos Mitsotakis, who was elected

during a mid-summer surge in migrant arrivals, said his new government needed to take immediate action to try to ease overcrowding at migrant camps.

"I'll be honest: Over the past few months, my country has been accepting flows of refugees and migrants that are disproportionate to its size and population," Mitsotakis said.

"Our border islands are suffocating." □



Greece's Prime Minister Kyriakos Mitsotakis speaks during the fourth EU-Arab World Summit in Athens, Tuesday, Oct. 29, 2019.
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Masked gunmen attack protesters in Iraq holy city; 18 killed

Associated Press

BAGHDAD (AP) — Masked gunmen opened fire at Iraqi protesters in the Shiite holy city of Karbala on Tuesday, killing 18 people and wounding hundreds, security officials said, in one of the deadliest single attacks since anti-government demonstrations erupted earlier this month. The overnight attack came as Iraqis took to the streets for a fifth straight day after a hiatus in the demonstrations that began earlier this month to protest government corruption, a lack of jobs and municipal services and other grievances. The earlier protests also saw violence against protesters, and a total of 240 people have been killed since the unrest began.

But the bloodshed in Karbala could mark a turning point because of the high death toll and because the city is a major pilgrimage site where a revered Shiite figure was killed in a 7th century battle. There were differing accounts and death tolls, and details were still emerging from the scene.



Anti-government protesters gather near Basra provincial council building during a demonstration in Basra, Iraq, Monday, Oct. 28, 2019.

Associated Press

It was not immediately clear who was behind the attack, and protesters said they did not know whether the masked men were riot police, special forces or Iran-linked militias. The protesters said Iraqi soldiers had been stationed around the protest site but

withdrew after the attackers began firing tear gas and live ammunition. Amid a clampdown by security forces, it was difficult to piece together what exactly prompted the attack although eyewitnesses told The Associated Press that masked gunmen opened

fire on the camp. Provincial governor Nassif al-Khutabi denied that any protesters were killed but said there were some injuries among security forces. He said videos posted online were fabricated and not from Karbala. The footage purported to show the aftermath of the attack, with fires and people running away to the sound of heavy gunfire. Al-Khutabi's description contradicted those from people who were at the scene. An AP video showed a nighttime fire and young protesters, some of them taking video with their cellphones, as gunfire echoes. An ambulance can be seen trying to drive amid the chaos, with Iraqi security forces arriving. The leaderless and largely spontaneous protests across Iraq have been met with bullets and tear gas by security forces from the start. At least 73 people — not including the latest fatalities in Karbala — have been killed since anti-government demonstrations resumed Friday, while 149 were killed during the earlier wave of protests this month. Tuesday's attack happened in Karbala's Education Square, where protest-

ers had set up tents for their sit-in.

One of the demonstrators said they were chanting slogans when an army unit arrived and that they gave the soldiers flowers and had friendly interactions. Then tear gas canisters came spiraling into the square, fired from the streets and alleys behind the soldiers, who then withdrew.

"We saw masked men dressed all in black and they fired live bullets toward the square," the protester said. "People fell dead and wounded right next to me. We tried to escape but when we fled into the alleys we ran into moving checkpoints set up by these forces. They arrested people and searched their phones for video of what had happened."

Another witness said hundreds of protesters were in the encampment when someone opened fire from a passing car. Then, masked gunmen in black plainclothes arrived and started shooting at the protesters, and the tents caught fire.

Both witnesses spoke on condition of anonymity because they feared reprisal. The death toll was confirmed by Iraqi security officials, also speaking anonymously, because they were not authorized to talk to reporters.

The anti-government protests in Karbala, Baghdad and cities across southern Iraq have often turned violent, with security forces opening fire and protesters torching government buildings and headquarters of Iran-backed militias.

The demonstrations have occurred in Shiite-majority areas and have been directed at the Shiite-dominated government and Shiite political parties and militias, many of which are supported by neighboring Iran.

In Tehran, the Foreign Ministry warned Iranians traveling to Iraq during the demonstrations and asked them to postpone their trips until further notice, according to the state-run IRNA news agency. □

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Joshua Wong barred from election, Hong Kong nears recession

HONG KONG (AP) — Hong Kong authorities barred high-profile pro-democracy activist Joshua Wong from an election, and the city's leader ruled out political solutions before the end of the violent protests gripping the semi-autonomous Chinese territory. The developments Tuesday were likely to further widen divisions in Hong Kong, which has been wracked by more than four months of unrest driven in part by demands for political reform. Hong Kong's leader, Carrie Lam, also warned that the Asian financial hub was on the brink of an economic recession. A returning officer notified Wong his nomination as a candidate in next month's elections was ruled invalid, according to a copy of the letter Wong posted on his Twitter account. "The decision to ban me from running for office is



Pro-democracy activist Joshua Wong speaks during a press conference in Hong Kong, Tuesday, Oct. 29, 2019.

Associated Press

clearly politically driven," Wong told reporters. He said Beijing was pressuring Hong Kong election

officials to carry out political screening but it would backfire. "It will just trigger more and

more Hong Kongers to take to the street and also vote in the election." Wong, 23, became known

as the young face of Hong Kong's "Umbrella Movement" that peacefully occupied streets for 79 days in 2014, and he has since been repeatedly arrested and jailed. He has been less important to the current protest movement, which has been leaderless and whose participants have sought to remain anonymous.

His activities have nonetheless made him a target of China's communist leaders, who have used him to accuse foreign powers of colluding with anti-China separatists to foment unrest. The government confirmed Wong's disqualification, without identifying him. The returning officer said in the letter that Wong's embrace of the concept of self-determination includes Hong Kong's independence, which goes against a requirement to promise to uphold its constitution. □

Strong quake jolts southern Philippines, 6 dead, scores hurt

DAVAO, Philippines (AP) — A powerful earthquake shook the southern Philippines on Tuesday, triggering landslides and loosening boulders that killed six people and injured more than 100 others in a region already damaged by a strong quake two weeks earlier, officials said. The magnitude 6.6 earthquake was caused by the movement of a fault about 7 kilometers (4.3 miles) deep about 25 kilometers (16 miles) east of Tulunan in Cotabato province, the Philippine Institute of Seismology and Volcanology said. Tulunan Mayor Reuel

Limbungan said about 90% of the houses in three rural villages were damaged by the intense ground movement. Among the dead were a father and his child who were hit by boulders which rolled down a mountain onto their small farm in hard-hit North Cotabato province. Another child was injured, provincial disaster response officer Mercedita Foronda said. She said more than 100 villagers received injuries, mostly minor, in the province. Two others died in a landslide and falling debris in Magsaysay town in Davao del Sur province. A preg-

nant woman was killed by a falling tree in Tulunan and a 66-year-old man died from head injuries after apparently being hit by heavy debris in South Cotabato province's capital, Koronadal, where 30 other people were injured as they dashed out of their homes, offices and shopping malls, police and other officials said. Several cities and towns suspended classes to allow inspections of school buildings. Several buildings damaged in another quake earlier this month sustained further damage and were closed to the public. □



Office employees gather outside of buildings after a powerful earthquake was felt in Davao City, Philippines Tuesday, Oct. 29, 2019.

Associated Press

Chileans reject president's concessions, plan new protests

By **MICHAEL WEISSENSTEIN**
EVA VERGARA

SANTIAGO, Chile (AP) — Chileans gathered Tuesday for a 12th day of demonstrations that began with youth protests over a subway fare hike and have become a leaderless national movement demanding greater equality and better public services in a country long seen as an economic success story.

Hundreds of protesters marched in central Santiago by early afternoon, including kindergarten teachers and health-care workers demanding more resources and better conditions at work. Thousands more were expected to press their call for changes to a market-dominant socio-economic model that has fully or partially privatized pensions, health and education.

Some demonstrators are angry about the retirement system, which forces Chileans to hand over 10 percent of their income to private fund managers and then receive pensions that barely cover a third of most people's monthly expenses. Others fume about a public health system that makes many wait months for an appointment with a specialist, or seek expensive private care. Still others resent university loans that they are still paying into their '40s and '50s, even as



A masked anti-government protester stands by a burning barricade in Santiago, Chile, Monday, Oct. 28, 2019.

Associated Press

1% of the population earns 33 percent of the nation's wealth, making Chile the most unequal country in the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development group of wealthy nations.

Virtually none have been satisfied by President Sebastián Piñera's response to the protests, which includes replacing eight ministers, calling for national dialogue, offering small increases in the minimum wage and the lowest pensions, higher taxes on the wealthy and decreases in the prices of medicine and electricity.

"His proposals are a joke; they're not really the solutions that the people want," said Lindsay Silva, a 24-year-old student working on a degree in physical therapy and health at the University of Santiago. "Inequality affects me every day because my family can't pay its bills and has to make big sacrifices in order for me to have opportunities."

Alongside mainstream protesters, groups of young people have been attacking shops and subway stations, saying only violence will force government concessions. The vandalism

has included the arson of a building in central Santiago Monday night, along with scattered breaking of windows and setting of fires in surrounding streets.

Many protesters want a new constitution to replace the one that was written in 1980 under military dictator Augusto Pinochet and that creates the legal basis of Chile's market-driven system. That idea began to gain momentum Tuesday when the leader of one of the three parties that supports Piñera in congress came out in favor of reforming the constitution.

"The idea of changing the

constitution, of eventually creating a new constitution, is getting ever stronger, and that's legitimate and must be discussed," said Congressman Mario Desbordes, president of the National Renovation party. "If the constitution must be changed, it must be changed. ... I don't fear democracy in the slightest." Six opposition parties control the House and Senate and favor changing the constitution but don't have enough votes between them to do that, making support from governing parties essential.

The opposition parties were holding meetings Tuesday to begin moving forward on constitutional reform.

From afar, Chile has been a regional success story: Under democratically elected presidents on the left and right, a free-market consensus has driven growth up, poverty down and won Chile the region's highest score on the United Nations Human Development Index, a blend of life expectancy, education and national income per capita.

In 2010, Chile became the second Latin nation in the OECD, after Mexico. Next month, Piñera will host the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation forum, followed by the 25th United Nations Climate Change Conference in December. □

Lawyer blasts charges in toddler's cruise ship death

Associated Press

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico (AP) — An attorney for the Indiana family of an 18-month-old girl who fell to her death from a cruise ship in July said Puerto Rican prosecutors' decision to charge her grandfather with negligent homicide is "pouring salt" on the family's wounds.

A judge in Puerto Rico ordered the arrest of Salvatore Anello on Monday after prosecutors submitted evidence saying that Chloe Wiegand fell from Royal Caribbean's Freedom of the Seas cruise ship when Anello raised her to



This May 11, 2006 file photo shows the Freedom of the Seas cruise ship docked in Bayonne, N.J.

Associated Press

an open window on the docked ship.

Anello was released from

custody in the Puerto Rican capital of San Juan on an \$80,000 bond, a spokes-

woman for Puerto Rico's justice department said Tuesday. He is due to appear in court there on Nov. 20, and it wasn't immediately clear if he would be allowed to return home in the meantime.

Attorney Michael Winkelman said in a statement that the child's death was "a tragic accident," and that the family, who is from the northern Indiana community of Granger, will be filing a lawsuit against Royal Caribbean "very soon."

Winkelman has said that Chloe fell through an open 11th-story window on July 7 after she had asked her

grandfather to lift her up so she could bang on the glass in a children's play area. He's blamed the cruise ship operator for leaving the window open.

"These criminal charges are pouring salt on the open wounds of this grieving family. Clearly this was a tragic accident and the family's singular goal remains for something like this to never happen again," Winkelman said in his news release.

"Had the cruise lines simply followed proper safety guidelines for windows, this accident likely would never have happened." □

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For the little ones there will be Trick & Treat, music will be played by traditional music group Sodo y Cuero followed by a Historic Show accompanied by Massive Brassband and the talented Popcorn Dancers. The popular Joyride Band will surely entertain you in the streets of San Nicolas.

For the first time, the festival will also introduce door prizes for the public. The Island Festival will also be the place where the warm up party for the Island Take-over concert happens. And if it is not enough, the well-known band Tsunami closes the night. This is a night full of quality entertainment and the opportunity to taste local foods or buy the best souvenirs.

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The path to Coral Recovery: Scientific Foundations and Practical Lessons

KRALENDIJK, BONAIRE — During the 2019 edition of the DCNA Convention on Bonaire, biologists from local protected area management organizations including Aruba National Park Foundation, STINAPA Bonaire, Reef Renewal Foundation Bonaire, CARMABI Curaçao, Saba Conservation Foundation, Sint Maarten Nature Foundation, STENAPA and CNSI of Sint Eustatius will be united on October 28th for a full day of workshops.

The central focus of the workshops will be coral recovery, with insights from science and practices. The Dutch Organization for Scientific Research (NWO) and the World Wildlife Fund (WWF-NL) will also be present. In addition to their participation in the other workshops, Arjan de Groene of WWF-NL will give a presentation on the Coral Action Plan for the Caribbean Netherlands and Joseph Stuefer from NWO will further elaborate on the upcoming call for scientific research proposals in the Dutch Caribbean.

Coral as a building block of the Caribbean
Coral restoration is high on the agenda worldwide, and it certainly is in the Dutch Caribbean. The unique nature of the Caribbean part of the Dutch Kingdom is built out of and surrounded by coral. Saba and Sint Eustatius are volcanic in origin while Aruba, Bonaire, Curaçao and Sint Maarten are made up of fossil coral structures from times when the sea level was higher. The Dutch Caribbean is therefore built on a coral reef millions of years old.

Current Importance of coral

Tourists have traditionally come to the Dutch Caribbean islands to admire the uniqueness of the region's nature, including world-renowned coral reefs. In surveys from 2013, the economic value of the ecosystem services provided by nature on Bonaire, Saba and St. Eustatius represented 31%, 63% and respectively 24% of the annual Gross Domestic Product (GDP) of the islands. On Sint Maarten recent studies by the Nature Foundation has shown that coral reefs contribute USD 50 million to the



economy of the island. This clearly shows that nature is the engine that drives the economy of all six islands in the Dutch Caribbean. If there is no adequate action against the current threats to coral reefs, the value will decrease considerably with major consequences for the well-being of the population.

First Hand Experience

As part of the solution to promote coral recovery, the Coral Restoration Foundation Curaçao and Reef Renewal Foundation Bonaire, among others, are focused on the future actions to restore these valuable coral reef ecosystems. Through presentations and organized field excursions organized by Reef Renewal Foundation Bonaire, attending biologists will get to see a fully tested and optimized method for reef restoration with their own eyes. This workshop will give the biologists a platform to exchange knowledge and experience about the different coral restoration programs and techniques on the Dutch Caribbean islands.

Public lecture: Status of Coral Reefs

The health of coral reefs being crucial to the sustainable prosperity of the islands in the long term is a key theme for the meetings. For any member of the public interested in and committed to the status of coral reefs and who would like to meet the regional experts in person, there will be a public lecture by Dr. Erik Meesters of Wageningen University and Research on Monday October 28 from 7:30 PM to 9:00 PM at Captain Don's hotel, Kralendijk, Bonaire.

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Happy Halloween at Renaissance Marketplace



ORANJESTAD — Halloween was knocking on the door last Sunday and Renaissance Marketplace scared the hell out of the public. The very 'spooky' festivity was a blast and many took the opportunity to be part of this great event. The decoration was exuberant and included a grave yard, strolling zombies, scary sounds and smoke effects. The stage was filled with children in the most creative Halloween costumes.

Many grabbed the opportunity to take a picture with their fav zombie and of course what would a Halloween celebration be without the traditional 'Trick or Treat'? Renaissance Marketplace offered special games for the children where they could win nice prizes for example for the Best Costume. There was also face painting, a magic show and a dance show. The mall turned into a Halloween zone with the zombies, ghosts and much more. The Horror Fest was definitely an excitement and the Marketplace a full house. For more information: Facebook Renaissance Marketplace. ☐



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UFC 244 Combatants

Diaz vs Masvidal (Main Event)

Nate Diaz came back out of your three-year-long lay-off in vogue in UFC 241 at Anaheim. Diaz set it upon Anthony Pettis at the co-main occasion in the Honda middle in route to a unanimous conclusion triumph. The audience was deafening for Diaz all day along with also his reunite had been affirmation he could be among those UFC's most significant celebrities. Along with also, the pleasure didn't stop with all this struggle. From the post-fight job interview, Diaz predicted his shooter to get his second struggle. When he receives his manner, Jorge Masvidal continues adjacent. And there isn't really an enticing struggle from the welterweight branch compared to battle involving Diaz and also Masvidal. Following 15 years since a specialist with many conclusions in his own album, Masvidal (34-13) eventually located himself first rapping out Jake Ellenberger along with Donald Cerrone after which very not exactly out-grappling Brazilian jiu-jitsu genius Demian Maia. Following shedding to striker Stephen Thompson, Masvidal accomplished his transformation by journeyman to super-star this past year.

Kelvin Gastelum vs Darren Till

Everybody else believed he had been also modest or way too huge, as well out of form, overly un-motivated, overly demanding from the relevant skills essential to allow it to

be for being a UFC fighter. He had been attracted together gradually by UFC matchmakers, which left him to struggle 14 days before committing him an opportunity a title. Darren indefinitely does not rely on choosing an effortless route together along with his struggle livelihood, which explains the reason he hunted Kelvin Gastelum irrespective of protests out of UFC president Dana White.

UFC 244's Andrei Arlovski vs. Jairzinho BIGY BOY Rozenstruik

Jairzinho Bigy Boy Rozenstruik looking to climb rankings, open to Francis Ngannou fight.

The Surinamese heavyweight made quite the impression in his last outing who knocked Allen Crowder out cold in just nine seconds when they met at UFC Greenville back in June. It was the second-fastest knockout in heavyweight history.

That followed a TKO win over Junior Albini earlier in the year as "Bigy Boy" is 2-0 in the UFC as well as 8-0 as a professional.

Bigy Boy Rozenstruik now faces former heavyweight champion Andrei Arlovski at UFC 244 on November 2 and is looking to make yet another impression — this time, against someone he used to watch back in the day and in his corner he will have Aruba's own a very accomplished local champion Gregory The Assassin Milliard who is Aruba Spartacus MMA head pro-am trainer and primary advocate for Spartacus fighters when it comes to matchmaking with promotions.

Should BIGY BOY defeat Arlovski, the unbeaten heavyweight could potentially get a ranked opponent next. However, he doesn't have any name in mind — he just wants anyone he can get as per his corner man Gregory Milliard.

Main Card and Prelims details

Jorge Masvidal (34-13) vs. Nate Diaz (20-11) at 10PM
Derrick Lewis (21-7, 1NC) vs. Blagoy Ivanov (18-2, 1NC)
Corey Anderson (12-4) vs. Johnny



Walker (17-3)

Katlyn Chookagian (12-2) vs. Jennifer Maia (17-5-1)

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Kelvin Gastelum (15-4, 1NC) vs. Darren Till (17-2-1)

Lyman Good (20-5, 1NC) vs. Chance Rencountre (14-3)

Stephen Thompson (14-4-1) vs. Vicente Luque (17-6-1)

Julio Arce (16-3) vs. Hakeem Dawodu (10-1-1)

Andrei Arlovski (28-18, 2NC) vs. Jairzinho Rozenstruik (8-0) at 6PM

Shane Burgos (12-1) vs. Malwan Amirkhani (15-3)

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This year, the Air Service Development team, together with Funstacle Masters prepared a fun, yet challenging course for all the ten teams to complete. Each team consisting of five airline or ground handler employees went head to head in an extremely fun obstacle course.

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at the airport. We are aware that processing thousands of passengers every day at our airport can have its challenges and be quite stressful at times, but these efforts are not unnoticed by AAA. It's with pleasure that we organize such stress-free events to encourage the team spirit among the airport community/family," said AAA Chief Commercial Officer Barbara Brown during her speech directed to the participants.

Aruba Airport would like to thank Team Genair – Ramp, Team Copa Airlines, Team United Airlines, Team American Airlines, Team Delta Air Lines, Team KLM, Team jetBlue Airways 1, Team jetBlue Airways 2, Team Avianca and Team Aruba Airport for their participation and congratulates Team Genair-Ramp for being the 1st Airport Funstacle Challenge winners and Team Aruba Airport who finished in 2nd place, while Team Avianca finished 3rd.

The successful and fun Airport Funstacle Challenge will be back next year! □

Today's Happening



A weekly calendar with a selection of what's going on in Aruba

Wednesday 30

Island Festival 5th Edition

- Experience Aruba's radiant culture and heritage in one single festival! Explore the night with live music, spectacular historical shows, local and international gastronomy, heritage, and the kindness of our locals. Not to be missed!
- 7 to 10PM
- San Nicolas
- Facebook Island Festival Aruba (free entrance, cash only event)



Sunday 03

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- Enjoy culinary elevation, created to perfection and artfully by master chef, Darwin Torres while enjoying a magnificent view.
- Open 6 to 10.30PM
- Windows on Aruba restaurant, Eagle Beach
- Facebook Windows on Aruba

Monday 04

Aruba Ray's Comedy Show

- The "Aruba Ray's Comedy" show features some of the funniest American standup comedians in a terrific 90-minute show, now located in the renovated ballroom at the Holiday Inn Resort. Comedians include: Tom Cotter, finalist on "America's Got Talent," Mike Vecchione from "The Jimmy Fallon show," Tony V from CBS' "The Late Show," Erin Jackson from "Last Comic Standing," and Ray Ellin from "This Week at the Comedy Cellar" on Comedy Central.
- 8PM
- Holiday Inn Aruba Ballroom, Palm Beach
- www.arubacomedy.com



Friday 01

Art Exhibition 'In search of peace'

- The Chamber of Commerce and Industry invites you for an inspiring evening where you can view the paintings and talk to the artist Mrs. Rani Varde about the details and meaning of each of her work.
- From 5 to 7PM
- Aruba Chamber, Oranjestad
- Facebook Aruba Chamber of Commerce and Industry (free entrance)



Saturday 02

Upcycle Center OPEN HOUSE

- Come and enjoy the Upcycle Center OPEN HOUSE and see what they have. A wide variety of furniture made out of recycled wood, plants, jewelry made by Artesania, an awesome KIDS corner! Food and beverages on courtesy by Edmund Harms Foundation and much more! SEE you there.
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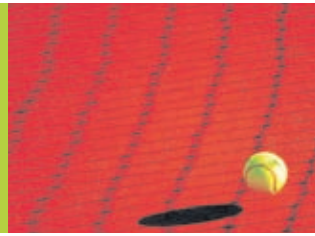
Tuesday 05

Taco Tuesday's

- Lola is an authentic Mexican taqueria in the heart of Aruba's Palm Beach. Lola is sure to delight your palate and stimulate your taste buds with fresh tacos, sumptuous cocktails, and an unmatched, groovy vibe. Every Tuesday they are slinging crazy specials your way.
- From 5:00 PM to 1:00 AM
- At the high rise strip next to Craft, Palm Beach
- Facebook: Lola Taqueria



SPORTS



NCAA board approves athlete compensation for image, likeness

By RALPH D. RUSSO
AP College Sports Writer

The NCAA took the first step Tuesday toward allowing amateur athletes to cash in on their fame, voting unanimously to permit them to "benefit from the use of their name, image and likeness."

The nation's largest governing body for college sports and its member schools now must figure out how to allow athletes to profit while still maintaining rules regarding amateurism. The NCAA Board of Governors, meeting at Emory University in Atlanta, directed each of the NCAA's three divisions to create the necessary new rules immediately and have them in place no later than January 2021.

Board chair Michael Drake, the president of Ohio State University, said the NCAA must embrace change and modernize "to provide the best possible experience for college athletes." But such changes will come with limitations, he said.

"The board is emphasizing that change must be consistent with the values of college sports and higher education and not turn student-athletes into employees of institutions," Drake told The Associated Press.

A group of NCAA administrators has been exploring since May the ways in which athletes could be allowed to receive compensation for the use of their names, images and likenesses.

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STEELERS RALLY



Dolphins keep winless streak alive with loss in Pittsburgh

Pittsburgh Steelers wide receiver JuJu Smith-Schuster (19) hauls in a pass from quarterback Mason Rudolph before taking it for a touchdown with Miami Dolphins defensive back Chris Lammons (30) defending during the second half of an NFL football game in Pittsburgh, Monday, Oct. 28, 2019.

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Miller scores 2, Canucks get 5 in 1st and drub Panthers 7-2

VANCOUVER, British Columbia (AP) — Canucks forward J.T. Miller only knew he was on the cusp of his 100th career goal because his parents wouldn't let him forget.

"They've been putting pressure on me for about a week now so I told them to stop texting me," he said. Miller had two goals Monday night, including his 100th in the NHL, and Vancouver scored five times in the first period on its way to a 7-2 victory over the Florida Panthers.

Josh Leivo added a goal and an assist for the Canucks. Brandon Sutter, Tim Schaller, Jake Virtanen and Brock Boeser also scored. Alex Edler and Elias Pettersson contributed three assists apiece.

The first goal of the game for the 26-year-old Miller marked a milestone, but it wasn't something he was focused on.

"Honestly, you're so wrapped up in the game that you're not really paying attention," Miller said. "It's cool. Obviously I'm happy to do it. I've had a lot of help from other teammates along the way."

Traded to Vancouver from Tampa Bay last June, the versatile forward has concentrated instead on making his mark with the Canucks (7-3-1). He came into training camp wanting to make a good impression and has excelled ever since.

Miller leads the team in goals with six and is second in points with 13.

"I think we're doing a lot of good things right now and the team's building a lot of confidence and I think that's really important," he said.

Miller's line wasn't the only one clicking for the Canucks. In fact, Boeser was the lone forward who didn't have a point in the first 20 minutes.

Vancouver got on the board less than two minutes in and kept up offensive pressure that overwhelmed the Panthers much of the game.

"The first period was pretty good — scoring from every-

one," coach Travis Green said. "I thought we played a really direct period. Sometimes that's mistaken for not being offensive, but I thought we supported the puck really well. We were on top of their defensemen in the first period, came out fast and hard."

Thatcher Demko made his fourth start of the season and stopped 27 shots.

Brian Boyle and Mike Hoffman scored for Florida, but the loss snapped an eight-game point streak (4-0-4). Coming off a 6-2 win Sunday over Edmonton, the Panthers had hoped to rest netminder Sergei Bobrovsky. Sam Montembeault started between the pipes but was replaced early in the first after allowing three goals on nine shots.

Bobrovsky made four saves in 13:42 before the 22-year-old Montembeault returned for the second period. He made some impressive saves and finished with 26.

"Just wanted to change the momentum of the game and see what happened and it worked for about, what, a couple minutes?" Florida coach Joel Quenneville said.

Panthers center Aleksander Barkov said he and his teammates went from playing their best game of the season Sunday to their worst the following night.

"(The Canucks) played a perfect game," he said. "We just need to move forward."

Florida replaced Montembeault with Bobrovsky just 6:18 in after Virtanen's third goal in three games gave Vancouver a 3-0 advantage.

Miller's second goal put the Canucks up 6-2 with 29 seconds left in the second. Boeser got on the scoresheet 13:20 into the third, sending a wrist shot into the top right corner.

Pettersson got his third assist on the play. He has eight points (one goal, seven assists) in his last four games. There's a lot of confidence in the Canucks' dressing room these days, Pettersson said.

"We want to be a playoff team. We want to go deep in the playoffs," Demko said. "And it's just going to get harder as the season goes on. So just building that momentum now and riding it through the season."

COYOTES 3, SABRES 2, SO BUFFALO, N.Y. (AP) — Nick Schmaltz scored in the shootout, leading the Coyotes to the road win.

Conor Garland and Carl Soderberg scored in regulation for Arizona (7-3-1). Darcy Kuemper made 24 saves and stopped all three Sabres attempts in the shootout.

Schmaltz scored the game-winner on a low shot to the glove side.

Jack Eichel and Jeff Skinner scored for Buffalo (9-2-



Vancouver Canucks' J.T. Miller (9) takes control of the puck as Florida Panthers' Mark Pysyk (13) falls after tripping over Canucks' Brock Boeser during the first period of an NHL hockey game in Vancouver, British Columbia, Monday, Oct. 28, 2019.

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2), which had won four of five. Carter Hutton made 41 saves.

The Coyotes dominated the last part of the game,

outshooting the Sabres 30-15 over the final two periods. Both teams had prime scoring opportunities in overtime. □

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Steelers overcome slow start, drop winless Dolphins 27-14

PITTSBURGH (AP) — Mason Rudolph heard the boos. They were impossible to miss as the minutes passed, the mistakes piled up and the Pittsburgh Steelers found themselves down two scores on Monday night to arguably the worst team in the NFL.

Turnovers. Dropped passes. Penalties. Missed opportunities. For the better part of 30 minutes, it was hard to tell if the Steelers or the Miami Dolphins were the team in the midst of a massive rebuild.

"I would have booed that performance too," Rudolph said. "Coming out slow and it's the Pittsburgh Steelers. There's a standard here and we weren't meeting it at the time."

Eventually, however, Ru-



Pittsburgh Steelers running back James Conner (30) rushes for a touchdown during the second half of an NFL football game against the Miami Dolphins in Pittsburgh, Monday, Oct. 28, 2019. Associated Press

dolph found his footing. Eventually, the Dolphins morphed back into the team playing for a shot at the top pick in the draft. And eventually the Steelers avoided an embarrassing loss that would have effec-

tively ended the competitive portion of their season by rallying for a 27-14 victory.

Rudolph threw for 251 yards and two touchdowns in his first start after getting knocked unconscious ear-

lier this month against Baltimore, and James Conner added 145 yards and a touchdown on the ground as Pittsburgh (3-4) won consecutive games for the first time since ripping off six straight in the middle of last season.

"You dig a big of a whole there in the first half and I was proud of the way we responded," Rudolph said. Rudolph stressed he wasn't worried about the long-term effects of a frightening concussion he suffered against Baltimore on Oct. 6, when he was knocked cold on a helmet-to-helmet hit by Ravens safety Earl Thomas. Still, he looked shaky at best during an ugly opening quarter that saw the Dolphins grab their first two-touchdown lead

over any opponent in more than a year.

Pittsburgh's first possession ended with Rudolph throwing a pick to Xavien Howard — back in the lineup after missing two games with a knee injury — and its second ended with Rudolph misfiring badly on fourth down. Yet he remained upbeat amid the growing pains and eventually things started to click. Rudolph completed 20 of 36 passes, including a 45-yard touchdown to rookie Diontae Johnson late in the second quarter and a 26-yard strike to JuJu Smith-Schuster in the third quarter that put the Steelers firmly in control. "We needed to get him going early on because all it takes is that one big play for him," Pittsburgh wide receiver James Washington said. "His mind is going. He's got that adrenaline going and (once) we started moving the ball down the field running and passing, we were on."

And the Dolphins (0-7) were not.

Ryan Fitzpatrick passed for 190 yards with two touchdowns and two picks, both to Steelers safety Minkah Fitzpatrick, who orchestrated a trade from Miami to Pittsburgh last month. But a rare hot start couldn't prevent Miami from staying winless through seven games for the first time since 2011. The Dolphins have dropped 10 straight dating to last season.

"We just have to continue to keep fighting," Ryan Fitzpatrick said. "That's just kind of the place that we're at right now. Just continue to keep fighting, continue to keep going to practice and trying to get better every single day."

CURIOUS CALL

The Dolphins, in the midst of an exhaustive rebuild under first-year coach Brian Flores — a process that included trading running back Kenyan Drake to Arizona on Monday for a conditional sixth-round pick in next year's draft just hours before kickoff — showed their first extended signs of life in an already lost season. □

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Portis, Knicks beat Bulls 105-98 for 1st win of season

By The Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — Bobby Portis scored a season-high 28 points against his former team, including a go-ahead 3-pointer with 1:47 remaining, and the New York Knicks beat the Chicago Bulls 105-98 on Monday night for their first victory of the season.

Portis hadn't scored in double digits yet in his first season with the Knicks, but was superb in bringing New York back from an 18-point deficit. The reserve was 10 for 14, making all four 3-pointers, and added 11 rebounds.

The Knicks needed all of it on a night when they fell behind with a dreadful start and stayed that way until the fourth quarter. They never even led until Portis' go-ahead 3, which he followed with another 3 that pushed it to 103-98 during a 15-0 run to finish the game. Rookie RJ Barrett added 19 points and 15 rebounds for the Knicks, who had dropped their first three games. Kevin Knox II scored 14 points, and Julius Randle finished with 13 points, 14 rebounds and five assists. Zach LaVine scored 21 points for the Bulls, who fell to 1-3. Wendell Carter Jr. had 20 points and 10 rebounds.

The Knicks missed 13 of their first 15 shots and quickly fell behind by double digits.

ROCKETS 116, THUNDER 112
HOUSTON (AP) — James Harden scored 40 points and Russell Westbrook scored 21 and fell an assist shy of a triple-double against his former team, as Houston beat Oklahoma City.

Westbrook had 12 rebounds and nine assists after notching his 139th triple-double in his last game to pass Magic Johnson for second-most all-time.

A 3-pointer by Shai Gilgeous-Alexander with 19 seconds left got Oklahoma City within 3. Westbrook made 1 of 2 free throws before fouling Nerlens Noel, who made both free throws.

But Harden, who was 21 of 22 from the line, made two free throws with 13.2 sec-

onds to go to make it 114-110.

Gilgeous-Alexander cut it to 2 with a basket, but Harden made two more free throws to secure the victory.

It was the first game between these teams since a summer trade reunited Westbrook with Harden and sent Chris Paul to Oklahoma City.

Paul had 15 points, four assists and five rebounds.

Gilgeous-Alexander had 22 points and Dennis Schroder added 22 points to lead the Thunder.

PISTONS 96, PACERS 94

DETROIT (AP) — Derrick Rose made a driving layup with 28.3 seconds left to give Detroit the lead and the Pistons beat winless Indiana for the second time in a week.

Rose shot just 4 of 16 from the field and was having a tough time in the fourth quarter, but his left-handed layup went in to put Detroit up 95-94. Malcolm Brogdon missed at the other end, but Indiana got an offensive rebound. T.J. Warren then missed badly on a tough shot from the corner, and the Pistons came up with the ball.

Luke Kennard made one of two free throws for Detroit, and Indiana had one more chance with 2 seconds left. Warren missed a 3-pointer from the left wing.

Andre Drummond had 18 points and 18 rebounds for the Pistons, and Christian Wood had 19 points and 12 rebounds.

Domantas Sabonis had 21 points and 14 rebounds for Indiana, and Brogdon contributed 15 points and 11 assists.

RAPTORS 104, MAGIC 95

TORONTO (AP) — Kyle Lowry scored 10 of his 26 points in the fourth quarter, Pascal Siakam added 24 and Toronto withstood a late rally to beat Orlando for its third win in four games.

Marc Gasol had 10 points and 10 rebounds, Fred VanVleet scored 14 and OG Anunoby added 12 as the Raptors won for the 10th time in 15 regular-season meetings with Orlando. Jonathan Isaac scored



New York Knicks forward Bobby Portis (1) shoots as Chicago Bulls forward Luke Kornet (2) defends against him during the first half of an NBA basketball game in New York, Monday, Oct. 28, 2019.

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a career-high 24 points, Evan Fournier had 18 and Markelle Fultz 13 for the Magic, who have lost two straight. Ex-Raptor Terrence Ross scored 11 for Orlando, and D.J. Augustin had 10.

BUCKS 129, CAVALIERS 112
MILWAUKEE (AP) — Khris Middleton scored 21 points, George Hill added 19 and seven Milwaukee players finished in double figures in a win over Cleveland.

Giannis Antetokounmpo had 14 points, 10 rebounds and seven assists in 29 minutes, Pat Connaughton added 17 points, Brook Lopez 16, and Wesley Matthews and Eric Bledsoe each finished with 14 points for Milwaukee.

Collin Sexton paced the Cavaliers with 18 points, while Jordan Clarkson and Tristan Thompson each added 17.

WARRIORS 134, PELICANS 123

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — Stephen Curry had 26 points and 11 assists, and Golden State won for the first time this season, beating winless New Orleans.

Draymond Green had 16 points, 17 rebounds and 10 assists for the injury-riddled Warriors, who dropped their first two games by 19 or more points before dominating a Pelicans squad that was missing three in-

jured starters, including top overall draft choice Zion Williamson.

D'Angelo Russell added 24 points and Damion Lee finished with 23 for Golden State, which led wire-to-wire. Brandon Ingram had 27 points and 10 rebounds for the Pelicans.

The Pelicans were playing a second straight game without veteran guard Jrue Holiday, who has a sprained left knee, and also were without starting center Derrick Favors because of right knee soreness.

First-round draft pick Jaxson Hayes had 19 points for the Pelicans.

76ERS 105, HAWKS 103

ATLANTA (AP) — Joel Embiid scored 36 points, including the winning free throws with 5.3 seconds left, and Philadelphia 76ers won its third straight game to begin the season.

Philadelphia made things tough for Trae Young and dominated down the stretch to deny the young Hawks their first 3-0 start in three seasons.

Tobias Harris had eight of his 13 points in the final quarter as the 76ers outscored the Hawks 15-5 over the final five minutes. Josh Richardson chipped in with 14 points, and Ben Simmons also had 14.

But this was all about Em-

biid, who made 12 of 19 shots from the field and knocked down all 10 of his free throws. He also had 13 rebounds, five assists and three steals.

Young had 25 points on 7-of-20 shooting. John Collins added 16 points and DeAndre Hunter 14.

SPURS 113, TRAIL BLAZERS 110

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — DeMar DeRozan scored 27 points and San Antonio overcame a sluggish start and beat Portland to remain undefeated.

Portland point guard Damian Lillard had 28 points, including 18 in the fourth quarter. Lillard's 3-pointer from the right corner bounced in and out as time expired.

Derrick White scored 21 points, LaMarcus Aldridge had 15 and Bryn Forbes 14 as the Spurs capped a three-game homestand to open the season.

CJ McCollum added 27 points for the Blazers (2-2).

NUGGETS 101, KINGS 94

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP) — Jamal Murray scored four of his 18 points in the final 31 seconds, Gary Harris added a pair of late free throws and Denver Nuggets held on after nearly blowing a big lead in the fourth quarter, beating winless Sacramento. □

Barty upset by alternate Bertens at WTA Finals

SHENZHEN, China (AP) — World No. 1 Ashleigh Barty was upset by late substitute Kiki Bertens 3-6, 6-3, 6-4 at the WTA Finals on Tuesday. Bertens arrived at the elite tournament as an alternate, and has suddenly jumped into title contention with the other seven players in the draw. She took the place of Naomi Osaka, who withdrew from the finals on Tuesday with a right shoulder injury ahead of her second round-robin match.

The second singles of the day went in Belinda Bencic's favor when she outlasted Petra Kvitova 6-3, 1-6, 6-4.

The Bencic win means all four players in the Red Group are still in contention for semifinals action. The standings have Bencic and Barty at 1-1, Kvitova at 0-2, and Bertens at 1-0 going into the last round-robin matches. On Thursday, Barty will play Kvitova, and

Bertens will meet Bencic. With little notice she'd be playing, Bertens earned her first career victory over Barty in five matches played. Barty, winner of the first set, led by a break twice in the second at 2-1 and 3-2.

"When you give a player of Kiki's caliber a chance to get back into the match not once but twice, she's going to make you pay," Barty said. "That's probably the most disappointing thing. Twice in the second set I was up a break and wasn't able to consolidate." Bertens came close to beating Barty in the Beijing semifinals this month, losing in a third-set tiebreaker.

The Dutchwoman arrived in Shenzhen straight from losing to Aryna Sabalenka in the Zhuhai, China, final on Sunday.

"In the beginning I was a little bit struggling," Bertens said. "As the match was continuing, I felt better and better. The movement was



Kiki Bertens of the Netherlands hits a return shot to Ashleigh Barty of Australia during their WTA Finals Tennis Tournament in Shenzhen, China's Guangdong province, Tuesday, Oct. 29, 2019.

Associated Press

getting a bit better. I was starting to feel the court. I could play a little bit more aggressive, come to the net.

"Yeah, I played pretty well in the end."

Bertens broke serve on a fourth break point in the opening game of the third set and raced to 4-0.

Last year, she reached the semifinals in her WTA Finals debut.

Despite the loss, Barty offi-

cially secured the year-end No. 1 ranking. She's the first Australian woman to earn that distinction.

Only Karolina Pliskova and Osaka had an opportunity to prevent Barty from finishing the season as the year-end No. 1. They both had to win the title here with a perfect record in the round-robin.

Pliskova lost to Elena Svitolina in her opening round-robin match in the Purple

Group on Monday.

Bencic, in her WTA Finals debut, decisively broke Kvitova in the ninth game of the third set.

"You go into a match against Kvitova and you never have anything in your hands," Bencic said. "I don't think we played our best but I found my game the last few games."

"I knew if I didn't win I'm eliminated. but I didn't think about that." □

Yankees pitching coach Rothschild fired after 9 seasons

By **RONALD BLUM**
AP Baseball Writer

Larry Rothschild has been fired as the Yankees' pitching coach after nine seasons.

New York announced his departure Monday, nine days after the team was eliminated by Houston in the AL Championship Series. The Yankees decided it was time for a new voice in the role, a person familiar the decision told The Associated Press, speaking on condition of anonymity because details of Rothschild's departure were not announced.

Sam Briend of data-driven Driveline Baseball in Kent, Washington, was hired in June as the Yankees' director of pitching, an indication New York may further increase its use of analytics. Rothschild replaced Dave Eiland in November 2011



In this Sept. 10, 2019, file photo New York Yankees pitching coach Larry Rothschild watches against the Detroit Tigers in the first inning of a baseball game in Detroit.

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to work for then-Yankees manager Joe Girardi, who had been a catcher for the Cubs during Rothschild's first season as Chicago's

pitching coach. Rothschild stayed on when Aaron Boone replaced Girardi ahead of the 2018 season. Girardi was hired last week

to manage Philadelphia, creating the possibility Rothschild could work under him again.

"I thought he did a great job with the years we were together," Girardi said. "I thought that the game has evolved a lot. Larry continued to evolve with how the game has evolved."

Girardi will be discussing coaches with Phillies general manager Matt Klentak. "Obviously Matt and I have a couple positions that we need to fill, and we're going to talk about every name that is out there and get who we think the best person for Philadelphia," Girardi said.

Now 65, Rothschild was Tampa Bay's first manager from 1998 to April 2001 and was pitching coach of Cincinnati from 1992-93, Florida from 1995-97 and the Cubs from 2002-10.

He spent 11 years in the minor leagues as a pitcher for Cincinnati and Detroit, and he had a 5.40 ERA and no decisions in seven big league relief appearances with the Tigers in 1981 and '82.

New York won the AL East for the first time since 2012 this season and finished with 103 wins.

"Larry is someone I leaned on extensively over these past two years. I'm truly grateful that I had someone as established and loyal as Larry as I made my transition to the dugout," Boone said in a statement. "Seeing him work day after day, I have a deep appreciation for how devoted he was to his craft and how tirelessly he dove into his responsibilities. His distinguished career clearly reflects how highly he is regarded amongst his peers in baseball." □

Column: Truex rout creates chaos in NASCAR's playoff field

By JENNA FRYER

AP Auto Racing Writer

MARTINSVILLE, Va. (AP) —

Kyle Busch is slowly coughing away his championship chances and Denny Hamlin and Joey Logano are fighting — again.

Chase Elliott has fast cars but awful luck, while Kevin Harvick has barely made a whisper in the playoffs. Ryan Blaney continues to rise on NASCAR's biggest stage and Kyle Larson escaped Martinsville Speedway, his worst track in this third round of the playoffs, as best he could.

It was a lot of drama despite a snoozer of a Sunday on NASCAR's shortest track. Martin Truex Jr. led 464 of the 500 laps to collect his series-best seventh win of the season. This one locked him into the final four and the right to race for the championship next month, something Truex fully believed possible when he and crew chief Cole Pearn needed a new home after Furniture Row Racing closed after last year's season finale.

The move inside Joe Gibbs Racing has been tremendously successful, even if Truex and the No. 19 team

have been overshadowed by everything, specifically teammates Busch and Hamlin.

"I wouldn't have went (to JGR) if I didn't think I could win a championship," Truex said. "I would have retired." Give Truex and Pearn some credit for the clinic they put on at Martinsville, where the combination of NASCAR's new rules package and the Goodyear tire selection resulted in lousy racing in which one car can run away with the race. There were three total lead changes and a clear difficulty for drivers to pass, which sapped any on-track excitement from the opening race of the round of eight. But the frustration was boiling through the field for 500 laps and it exploded with a postrace, pit road fracas in which Hamlin was hurled to the ground by a member of Logano's crew.

Logano was upset that Hamlin had squeezed him into the wall during the third stage of the race and the incident led to a cut tire that contributed to the reigning champion's eighth-place finish. Logano won at Martinsville last year



Martin Truex Jr., left, and his girlfriend Sherry Pollex, right, pose with the trophy as he celebrates after winning a NASCAR Cup Series race at Martinsville Speedway in Martinsville, Va., Sunday, Oct. 27, 2019.

to spark his upset championship victory three weeks later.

Admittedly unsatisfied with Hamlin's response, Logano smacked Hamlin on the shoulder and turned to walk away. Hamlin took exception and chased after Logano, who was aggressively shielded by everyone at Team Penske ranging from his crew chief to his publicist and an overzeal-

ous crew member who horse-collared Hamlin to the ground in a brief, chaotic scum. A day later, NASCAR suspended Dave Nichols Jr., the tire technician who knocked down Hamlin, for this weekend's race at Texas.

Martinsville's half-mile layout makes it a tight little track and the fans were close enough to see all this unfold right in front of them.

Hamlin, a Virginia native and five-time Martinsville winner, played to the fans when he mocked Logano with an impersonation during his postrace interview shown on the big screen that brought the crowd to its feet.

He loved every minute of it, even though he finished fourth and it was his teammate now locked into the finale at Homestead. □

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The working group, led by Ohio State athletic director Gene Smith and Big East Commissioner Val Ackerman, presented a status report Tuesday to the university presidents who make up the Board of Governors. Smith and Ackerman's group laid out principles and guidelines, endorsed by the board, to be followed as NCAA members go about crafting new rules and tweaking existing ones, including:

- Making clear the distinction between collegiate and professional opportunities.
- Making clear that compensation for athletic performance or participation is impermissible.
- Protecting the recruiting environment and prohibiting inducements to select, remain at, or transfer to a specific institution.

Some college sports lead-

ers fear allowing athletes to earn outside income could open the door to corruption.

"One of the most distinctive things about college sports is this whole recruitment process," NCAA President Mark Emmert told the AP. "The whole notion of trying to maintain as fair a playing field as you can is really central to all this. And using sponsorship arrangements, in one way or another, as recruiting inducements is something everybody is deeply concerned about." The shift came a month after California passed a law that would make it illegal for NCAA schools to prohibit college athletes from making money on endorsements, autograph signings and social media advertising, among other activities. California SB 206 goes into effect in 2023. More than a dozen states have followed with similar

legislation, some of which could be on the books as soon as next year.

"This is another attempt by the NCAA at stalling on this issue," said Ramogi Huma, executive director of the National College Players Association, an advocacy group. Huma said the association has posted model legislation on its website that it is encouraging "all states" to pass "to ensure their college athletes are afforded economic freedom and equal rights."

The NCAA has said California's law is unconstitutional, and any states that pass similar legislation could see their athletes and schools being declared ineligible to compete. But the board also said it hopes to reach a resolution with states without going to court.

"We would hope that all who are interested in the future welfare of student-athletes would work with us



This is an April 25, 2018, file photo, showing NCAA headquarters in Indianapolis.

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to get to that point and using reasonable processes to get there," Drake said. In addition to pending state laws, North Carolina Republican U.S. Rep. Mark Walker has proposed a national bill that would prohibit the NCAA and its member schools from restricting athletes from selling the rights to their names, images and likenesses to third-party buyers

on the open market. "We're going to continue to communicate with legislators at the state and federal level," NCAA President Mark Emmert said. "That's one of the things that the board is asking of me and my staff and the membership in general, and hopefully we can avoid anything that's a direct conflict with our state legislators." □



Dr. Carlos Viana

'Hats off' an expression used to express admiration for someone who has done something praiseworthy. So, let us take our hats off to thank our local dermatologists who conducted a free skin cancer screening for the public. The dermatologists donated their time and money to provide this valuable service. No medical government agency provided any financial support, additional sponsorship was by the local media and print companies.

Being older than sixty-five I was excited to be screened and was happy to see how many people attended. Over the past thirty years more people have had skin cancer than all other cancers combined. That means that each year there are more new cases of skin cancer than the combined incidence of cancers of the breast, prostate, lung and colon. And as we baby-boomers get older more than 50% who live to age 65 will have either basal cell carcinoma or squamous cell carcinoma at least once. But do not think only older people are

at risk.

Melanoma, the most dangerous form of skin cancer, accounts for up to three percent of all pediatric cancers. The treatment of childhood melanoma is delayed 40% of the time due to misdiagnosis of dark growth that look like moles. Most melanomas are black or brown, but they can also be skin-colored, pink, red, purple, blue or white. Melanoma is caused mainly by intense, occasional sun exposure. So, cover baby's head when out in the sun. Among adults Melanoma kills an estimated 10,130 people in the US annually. Countries closer to the equator will have greater numbers.

Basal cell carcinoma (BCC) is the most common form of skin cancer. More than 4 million cases are diagnosed in the U.S. each year. The warning signs include: open sore that bleeds, a red irritated area, a shiny bump, a slightly elevated pink growth, a scar-like area that is white, yellow or waxy. These five warning signs should not be ignored. BCCs are easily treated in

Hats Off

their early stages. The larger the tumor has grown, however, the more extensive the treatment needed. While BCCs seldom spread to vital organs, they can cause major disfigurement and occasionally result in nerve or muscle injury. Certain rare, aggressive forms can be lethal if not treated promptly.

Squamous cell carcinoma is the second most common form of skin cancer. More than one million cases are diagnosed in the U.S. each year. Squamous cell carcinomas typically appear as persistent, thick, rough, scaly patches that can bleed if bumped, scratched or scraped. They often look like warts and sometimes appear as open sores with a raised border and a crusted surface. People who have fair skin, light hair, and blue, green, or gray eyes are at highest risk of developing the disease. Chronic infections and skin inflammation can also increase the risk to developing squamous cell carcinoma. Furthermore, immune deficiency diseases, chemotherapy, and there are dozens of medications and over-the-counter drugs that can cause sun sensitivity. Some of the most common include: Antibiotics: doxycycline, tetracycline, ciprofloxacin, antidepressants: doxepin (Sinequan); and a herbal supplement that I never recommend, St. John's wort can cause sun sensitivity.

In our clinic, I diagnose medical conditions that put people at higher risk. Most doctors do not ask for a comprehensive blood test to see how close you are to developing diabetes. Certain types of cancers are more common in people with diabetes. The frequency and risk of developing overall skin cancer, including melanoma, is higher with people with insulin resistance (pre-diabetes). Many doctors check fasting blood glucose, not learning how to connect insulin and Insulin-

like Growth Factor-1 (IGF-1) to determine your level of pre-diabetes, insulin resistance.

People with increasing levels of pre-diabetes will develop skin tags around the neck, armpits and groin. A skin tag is a narrow stalk of skin that bulges at the end. Most of the time, skin tags are just unsightly. However, when they appear, it means you are on the road to developing diabetes and when skin tags are twisted, irritated, or bleeding, this might be a good reason to seek medical attention.

Darkening skin on your sides of your face and neck or spots on exposed areas are often sun damage that may not be cancer. However, it may be acanthosis nigricans, which is not a skin disease, but a skin sign of an underlying condition or disease. Besides the development of diabetes, it can reflect kidney problems or colon, or breast cancer. When a patient presents with darkening and thickening of the skin, occurring mainly in the folds of the skin, I make sure not to run a blood test to find any underlying cause.

Get The Point! We have tipped our hat with thanks to those that took the time and effort to screen our community. Now let us put our hats back to protect a little more from the damaging sunlight. Covering up and avoiding the hottest part of the day, may be smarter than chemical sunscreens. And, be careful of the reflection of our beautiful sea even in the shade, when sitting on our white beaches. Prevention is much better than having to be treated for cancer and goes a long way. Come in for a blood test to ensure you are not developing an environment where cancer can grow. Let us help you by identifying chronic inflammation and reducing risk for developing diabetes. □

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S&P 500 drifts around record as health care stocks climb

By STAN CHOE

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NEW YORK (AP) — U.S. stocks drifted around their record highs Tuesday, and the S&P 500 slinked between small gains and losses following a mixed set of earnings reports from big companies.

Health care stocks jumped on stronger-than-expected reports from drugmakers, but losses for internet and media companies held the market in check following a mixed report from Google's parent.

Companies have largely been reporting stronger earnings than analysts expected, but they're nowhere close to blow-away good. S&P 500 companies are still on track to report a third straight quarter of profit declines, according to FactSet.

What's helped buoy the market in recent weeks are hopes that the United States and China can make progress on their trade dispute, or at least stop making it worse. Lower interest rates have also played a big role, and the Federal Reserve will wrap up a two-day meeting Wednesday on rate policy.

Most investors expect the Fed to cut short-term rates by a quarter of a percentage point to offer some protection from the trade war and the slowing global economy. If investors are right, it would be the third such cut since the summer. Treasury yields dipped ahead of the decision, while global stock markets were mixed. The price of crude oil dropped a second straight day, and gold dipped lower.

KEEPING SCORE: The S&P 500 was up 0.1% as of 12:19



Davis O'Day, center, works with fellow traders on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange, Tuesday, Oct. 29, 2019.

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p.m. Eastern time. It set a record on Tuesday, surpassing its prior peak set in late July.

The Dow Jones Industrial Average was little changed at 27,095 and the Nasdaq composite slipped 0.3%.

NOT BAD, BUT NOT GREAT: Nearly half of all the companies in the S&P 500 have told investors how much they earned from July through September, and the index is on pace to report a profit drop of 3.5% from the prior year, according to FactSet.

That's not as bad as the roughly 4% decline that analysts were expecting on the eve of earnings reporting season, but it would be the first time that profits dropped for three straight quarters since 2015-2016.

Trade wars and the slowing global economy are hitting companies that do lots of business overseas, and analysts say the sharpest earnings declines will come

from energy companies, raw-material producers and technology companies. Wall Street is expecting stronger growth, meanwhile, from companies that do most of their business domestically, such as utilities and real-estate companies.

Over the long term, stock prices tend to track the path of corporate profits.

HEALTHY RESULTS: Health care stocks had the biggest gains among the 11 sectors that make up the S&P 500 following better-than-expected reports from Pfizer and Merck.

Pfizer rose 3% after it raised its forecast for the year.

Merck gained 3.4% after reporting big jumps in sales for its top two blockbuster

drugs, cancer drug Keytruda and vaccine Gardasil.

REVVED UP: General Motors climbed 5%. The workers' strike that brought its U.S. factories to a standstill forced it to report a drop in profits, but the results were nevertheless better than Wall Street expected.

MIXED LETTERS: Google's parent company, Alphabet, dropped 2.1% following its mixed earnings report. Revenue came in better than Wall Street's expectations, but profit fell short.

RATE WATCH: The Fed has cut rates twice since the summer in hopes of shielding the United States from the effects of President Donald Trump's trade wars and the slowing global

economy.

It's a sharp turnaround from late last year, when the Fed was raising rates and worrying investors that it was increasing them too much, too fast. Lower rates make borrowing cheaper for companies and households, which can stimulate the economy and also make stocks look more attractive relative to bonds.

Most investors expect a rate cut to come Wednesday, but they're much less certain what will happen after that.

The yield on the 10-year Treasury dipped to 1.83% from 1.85% late Monday. The two-year yield, which is more sensitive to moves by the Fed, fell to 1.63% from 1.64%.

TRADE WATCH: The only issue more important than interest rates to markets in the short term is the U.S.-China trade battle, Jeffrey Halley of Oanda said in a commentary.

The two sides are continuing to talk, but uncertainty is high on what will come of it. China on Tuesday promised more improvements in conditions for foreign companies, which has been a key factor in the trade dispute. But it also separately accused the U.S. of "economic bullying behavior" after U.S. regulators cited security threats while proposing to slash funding for Chinese equipment in U.S. telecommunications networks. □

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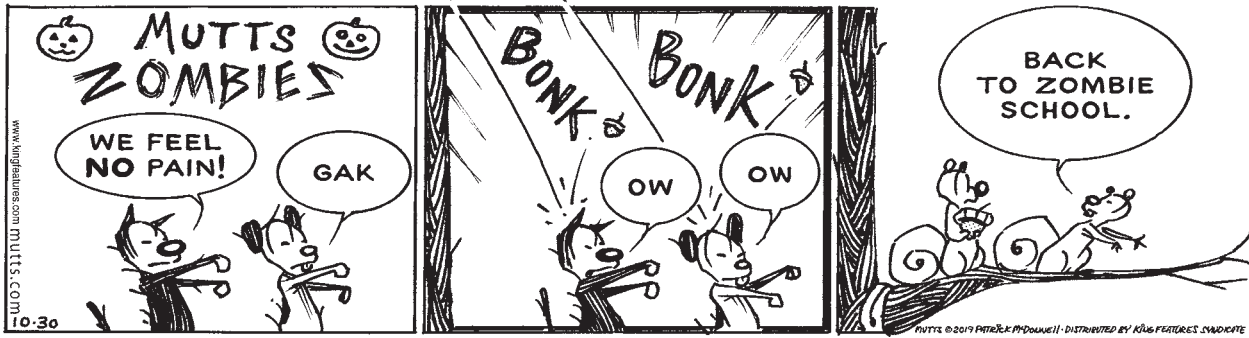
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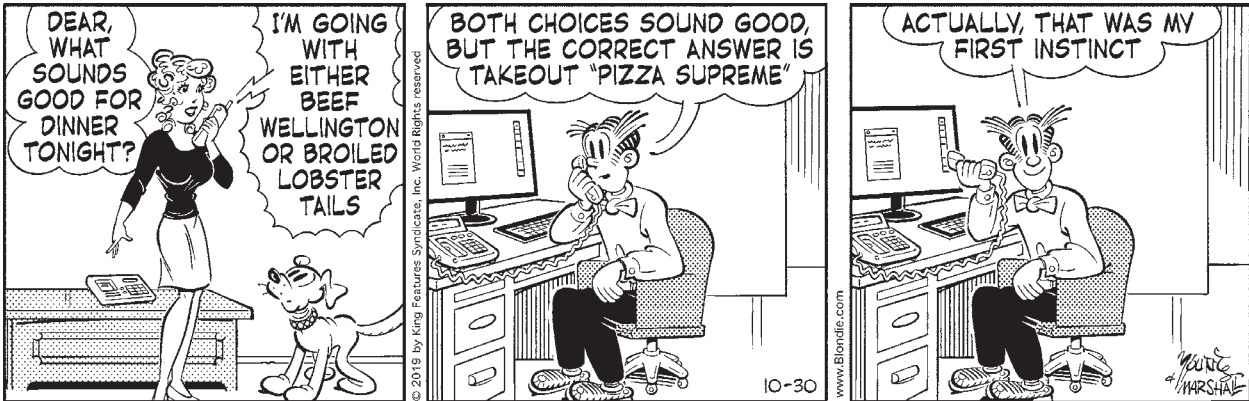
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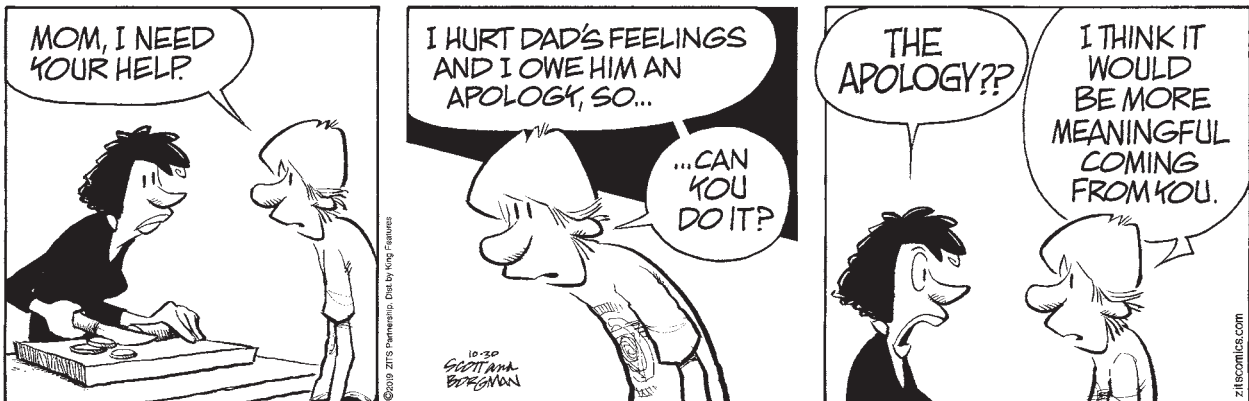
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Difficulty Level ★★

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Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

Yesterday's puzzle answer

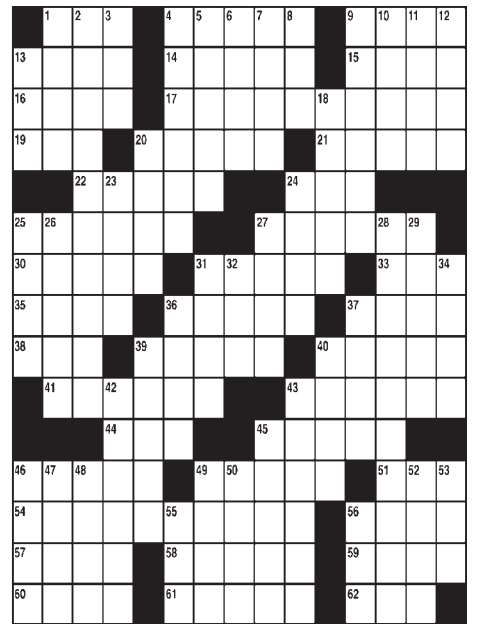
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7	1	2	6	9	8	3	5	4
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1	9	7	4	6	5	8	3	2
5	4	3	8	2	9	6	7	1
8	2	6	1	7	3	5	4	9

ACROSS

- Kourtney, to Khloe
- from; in addition to
- Scenic range
- Baseball's Aaron
- Bit of parsley
- Sing alone
- Williams or Warhol
- Small radio
- Jet; personal watercraft
- Singer/actress Della
- Take just one bite
- Long look
- alai
- Walking; notice that you're fired
- Ornamental column
- Residence
- Singer Carmichael
- Siesta
- Mountain road
- over; delivers
- Commotion
- Feasted on
- Hemorrhoids
- Playground sight
- Murphy & Van Halen
- Elegant; stylish
- "How Green _ My Valley"
- Wed secretly
- Actor Buddy
- Undress
- Greek letter
- Easter basket wrapping
- Night twinkler
- Falling ice pellets
- Altercation
- Cry from a sty
- Pitcher's goals
- Beginning
- A's followers

DOWN

- Couldn't stay afloat
- Slightly ill



Created by Jacqueline E. Mathews

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Tuesday's Puzzle Solved

SHIP	RULED	CROW
TODO	ASOLD	HIVE
APEX	SHAMEFACED	
YEA	SHED	LIARS
	LATER	NOR
ALIBIS	TUCSON	
LASER	THANK	VIP
PITT	READS	GETA
SRI	FEEDS	FORTS
SCALED	ALWAYS	
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CROOK	CLIP	TIS
HORRENDOUS	RICO	
AMEN	BURKE	EVEN
PEGS	CEDES	NETS

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- Swat
- Stringed instrument
- Feed the pigs
- in; inhabits
- Customer
- Bert's buddy
- Repeated sound
- Actor Bridges
- Narrow cut
- Have nothing to do with
- Sunbathes
- Beach surface
- Annoy
- Prefix with claim or create
- Cry

19 show horses die in northwestern Georgia barn fire

CARTERSVILLE, Ga. (AP) — Nineteen show horses died when a barn went up in flames over the weekend, fire officials in northwestern Georgia said.

The barn near Cartersville, about 50 miles (80 kilometers) north of Atlanta, caught fire early Saturday morning, according to the Bartow County Sheriff's Office. When firefighters arrived, they found more than a dozen horses dead inside.

The owner of the stable, Blake Carney, was out of town at a horse show at the time, he told WAGA-TV.

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How do you save endangered gorillas? With lots of human help

By CHRISTINA LARSON

AP Science Writer

KINIGI, Rwanda (AP) —

Deep in the rainforest of Volcanoes National Park, a 23-year-old female gorilla named Kurudi feeds on a stand of wild celery. She bends the green stalks and, with long careful fingers, peels off the exterior skin to expose the succulent inside.

Biologist Jean Paul Hirwa notes her meal on his tablet computer as he peers out from behind a nearby stand of stinging nettles.

The large adult male sitting next to her, known as a silverback, looks at him quizzically. Hirwa makes a low hum — "ahh-mmm" — imitating the gorillas' usual sound of reassurance.

"I'm here," Hirwa is trying to say. "It's OK. No reason to worry."

Hirwa and the two great apes are all part of the world's longest-running gorilla study — a project begun in 1967 by famed American primatologist Dian Fossey.

Yet Fossey herself, who died in 1985, would likely be surprised any mountain gorillas are still left to study. Alarmed by rising rates of poaching and deforestation in central Africa, she predicted the species could go extinct by 2000. Instead, a concerted and sustained conservation campaign has averted the worst and given a second chance to these great apes, which share about 98% of human DNA. Last fall, the Switzerland-based International Union for Conservation of Nature changed the status of mountain gorillas from "critically endangered" to "endangered," an improved if still-fragile designation.

It wouldn't have happened



In this Sept. 2, 2019 photo, a silverback mountain gorilla named Segasira walks in the Volcanoes National Park, Rwanda.

Associated Press

without an intervention some biologists call "extreme conservation," which has entailed monitoring every single gorilla in the rainforest, periodically giving them veterinary care and funding forest protection by sending money into communities that might otherwise resent not being able to convert the woods into cropland.

Instead of disappearing, the number of mountain gorillas — a subspecies of eastern gorillas — has risen from 680 a decade ago to just over 1,000 today. Their population is split between two regions, including mist-covered defunct volcanoes within Congo, Uganda and Rwanda — one of Africa's smallest and most densely populated countries.

"The population of moun-

tain gorillas is still vulnerable," says George Schaller, a renowned biologist and gorilla expert. "But their numbers are now growing, and that's remarkable."

Once depicted in legends and films like "King Kong" as fearsome beasts, gorillas are actually languid primates that eat only plants and insects, and live in fairly stable, extended family groups. Their strength and chest-thumping displays are generally reserved for contests between male rivals.

Every week, scientists like Hirwa, who works for the nonprofit conservation group the Dian Fossey Gorilla Fund, gather data as part of long-term behavioral research.

If they see any health problems in the gorillas, they inform the staff at Gorilla Doctors, a nongovernmental group whose veterinarians work in the forest. The vets monitor wounds and signs of respiratory infections, but intervene only sparingly.

When they do, they almost never remove the animals from the mountain.

"Our hospital is the forest," says Jean Bosco Noheli, a

veterinarian at Gorilla Doctors. When his team goes into the field to address a gorilla emergency, they must carry everything they might need in equipment bags weighing up to 100 pounds — including portable X-ray machines.

Schaller conducted the first detailed studies of mountain gorillas in the 1950s and early '60s. He also was the first to discover that wild gorillas could, over time, become comfortable with periodic human presence, a boon to researchers and, later, tourists.

Today, highly regulated tour groups hike in the Rwandan rainforest to watch gorillas.

Ticket revenue pays for operating costs and outstrips what might have been made from converting the rainforest to potato farms and cattle pastures. About 40% of the forest already was cleared for agriculture in the early 1970s.

"With tourism, the tension is always not to overexploit," says Dirck Byler, great ape conservation director at the nonprofit Global Wildlife Conservation, which is not involved in the Rwanda gorilla project. "But in Rwan-

da, so far they're careful, and it's working."

The idea of using tourism to help fund conservation was contentious when conservationists Bill Weber and Amy Vedder first proposed it while living in Rwanda during the 1970s and '80s. Fossey herself was skeptical, but the pair persisted.

"The wonder of the gorillas' lives, their curiosity, their social interactions — we felt that's something that could be accessible to others, through careful tourism," Vedder says.

Figuring out the balance of how many people could visit the forest, and for how long, was a delicate process of trial and error, Weber says.

In 2005, the Rwandan government adopted a model to steer 5% of tourism revenue from Volcanoes National Park to build infrastructure in surrounding villages, including schools and health clinics. Two years ago, the share was raised to 10%.

To date, about \$2 million has gone into funding village projects, chief park warden Prosper Uwingeli says.

"We don't want to protect the park with guns. We want to protect and conserve this park with people who understand why, and who take responsibility," he says.

The money from tourism helps, but the region is still poor.

Jean Claude Masengesho lives with his parents and helps them farm potatoes. About once a week, the 21-year-old earns a little extra money helping tourists carry their bags up the mountain, totaling about \$45 a month. He would someday like to become a tour guide, which could earn him about \$320 monthly.

The obstacle is that most tour guides have attended college, and Masengesho isn't sure how his family can afford tuition.

"It's my dream, but it's very hard," he says. "In this village, every young person's dream is to work in the park." □



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Prince's posthumous book released as fans continue to mourn

By **LEANNE ITALIE**
Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — Panic, joy, shock: Dan Piepenbring felt them all when Prince plucked him to collaborate on his first memoir, followed by more shock and profound sadness at news of the superstar's death while the book was in its early stages.

Though the project was thrown into chaos when Prince died on April 21, 2016, of an accidental drug overdose, his estate ultimately decided to press on, allowing Piepenbring and his publishing team free access to the pieces of his life left behind at his beloved Paisley Park, including the contents of his vault.

Now, the highly anticipated collaboration, "The Beautiful Ones," is out in the world with its release Tuesday as many fans continue to mourn, propelling the 33-year-old journalist into the spotlight to explain how he sorted it all out.

"There was a sense even from the start that it couldn't really be happening," Piepenbring told The Associated Press of his involvement. "It felt very surreal. There was also just a sense of joy, I think, at the possibility of meeting someone that I held in such high regard, someone whose music had been the soundtrack to the better part of my youth."

The book, from Spiegel & Grau, includes no bombshells, though Prince very much wanted to provide some, and a mere 28 memoir pages written in his elegant script and quirky style, replacing the word "I" with a drawing of a human orb, for instance. All told, Piepenbring spent 12 to 15 hours face-to-face with Prince in Minneapolis, New York and on tour in Melbourne.

Their last conversation was just four days before Prince died. It was focused on his parents and their conflicting influences in his life. His father, John L. Nelson, was a disciplined, God-fearing jazz pianist with an explosive temper. His mother,

Mattie Della Shaw, was a beautiful, fun-loving party girl with a stubborn, irrational streak — and a sneaky flair, as Prince wrote:

"She would spend up what little \$ the family had 4 survival on partying with her friends, then trespass in2 my bedroom, 'borrow' my personal \$ that eye'd gotten from babysitting local kids, & then chastise me 4 even questioning her regarding the broken promises she made 2 pay me back."

The tumultuous nature of his parents' relationship had a lasting impact.

"The wound of Ur parents fighting is chilling when U're a child," Prince wrote. "If it happens 2 become physical, it can be soul-crushing." Their conflicts, divorce when he was 7 and the dual impact on Prince and his work is the book's prevailing theme.

"So much of his writing is about division in some way and the fight to make oneself whole again," Piepenbring said. "There's this kind of brokenness that he's always working to repair."

Prince writes that his first memory was his mother's eyes, describing her habit of throwing conspiratorial winks his way.

"Sometimes when my father wasn't playing piano he'd say something 2 my mother & she would wink at me. She never told me what it meant and sometimes it would be accompanied by a gentle caress of her hand 2 my face. But eye am quite sure now this is the birth of my physical imagination."

Prince had big ideas for the book, considering at one time a "how to" on making it in the music business without selling your soul. At another point, he suggested that he and Piepenbring figure out a way to end racism. At still another, he wanted to focus on the importance of creative freedom.

"I think he was really in the process of excavating his past with a level of detail and specificity that maybe he had avoided before," Piepenbring said. "He had come to the realization that



In this Feb. 4, 2007, file photo, Prince performs during the half-time show at the Super Bowl XLI football game in Miami.

Associated Press

he really was in many ways the sum of his mother and father and they were the, sort of, two poles of his being." Prince wrote on other subjects as well, including puberty (his stepfather took him to R-rated movies at a drive-in as a stand-in for the birds and bees talk), the blackouts and seizures he had as a child and his first kiss, with a girl of just 5 or 6. They'd play house.

Piepenbring wrote a lengthy introduction explaining his encounters with Prince and how the book was completed. He wasn't allowed to take notes during their first meeting so he was forced to reconstruct the conversation. Some of their chats are printed as marginalia in the book. There's an abundance of hand-drawn childhood doodles and cartoons, along with lyrics Prince often wrote on whatever was handy, including a brown paper bag.

There's a photo album Piepenbring unearthed at Paisley Park that a sleepless Prince decided to put together in 1977 at age 19, only days from completing his debut album, "For You." With witty remarks written in pencil, Prince sits on the hood of his first car in one shot. In another, he snapped his first paycheck from Warner Bros.

There's also an early outline he wrote for the 1984 film "Purple Rain" with an even darker story line than the one that made it onto screens. The film, based loosely on his life, won Prince an Oscar for best

1982 treatment, "The Kid" character Prince plays is a diagnosed schizophrenic who as a child watches his mother shoot his father dead, then turns the gun on herself.

Prince had envisioned playing both his mother and father in flashback scenes. The finished film, not written by Prince, involves a suicide attempt with a gun that the father survives.

Many of the photos in the book are familiar to hardcore fans and it includes a heavy dose of previously published interviews with Prince. □

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Scorsese, De Niro and Pacino on time and 'The Irishman'



This image released by Netflix shows Al Pacino, right, in a scene from "The Irishman."

Associated Press

By JAKE COYLE

Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — They come into the room not like the moveable Mount Rushmore that they but like three old friends, energized by being in each other's company. They are chatting about movies.

Martin Scorsese comes first, then Al Pacino, then Robert De Niro. They're trailed by a small army of publicists and assistants that quickly recedes out of the room. Constant through the momentary commotion is Scorsese enthusiastically remembering Michael Powell and Emeric Pressburger's "A Matter of Life and Death," and quoting its lines to a rapt Pacino.

Their movie, "The Irishman," also deals majestically with matters of life and death. Like Powell and Pressburger's time-traversing afterlife fantasy, "The Irishman" takes the long view on a life, albeit one — that of mafia hitman and Jimmy Hoffa associate Frank Sheeran (De Niro) — less certain to stand up in final judgment. In Scorsese's solemnly operatic crime epic, time is one of the three-and-half-hour film's principle subjects. And in a conversation filled with reflections of the past

and uncertainty about the future, time is much on the minds of its power trio. "The Irishman" was made by 70-something Hollywood legends acutely aware that they have only so much of it left.

"As they say in the movie, it's gonna happen. We're all human. We're gonna die," says Scorsese. "The contemplative nature of it has to do with an accumulation of detail. Details, details. It's a good thing for our culture to be able to take the time and experience it. You may like it, you may dislike it. But things move so fast now. We see the result of that in what's happened to our country. We get a soundbite without context. People are too busy.


"It's time to take time."

And it took ages to get Pacino, De Niro and Scorsese together. "The Irishman" is their first film as a threesome. That alone gives the film the feel of a historic occasion. A last stand. Their collective response to a movie world where Scorsese's kind of cinema is increasingly extinct, where three-plus hour movies are usually reserved only for Marvel.

"The Irishman" was pushed from the start by De

Niro. He was attracted to Charles Brandt's book about Sheeran, "I Heard You Paint Houses," and saw in it the potential to give a more ruminative spin on the organized crime genre that he, Scorsese and Joe Pesci (who plays Mafia don Russell Bufalino) are so intertwined with. It took more than a decade to make it happen, and only then did it get traction thanks to improving digital de-aging effects that stretch the actors' performances across decades, and because of Netflix's backing of a film that ultimately cost \$159 million to make.

But, for them, the long wait was worth it. "We couldn't have asked for anything more. Period. That's it," says De Niro. "It really was an exceptional kind of situation. It was funny. Marty, there, Bob. It was so easy. It's what we do," agrees Pacino.

Their names ring out with a phonetic symmetry but it would be hard to find three more rhythmically different people. Scorsese's ferocious verbosity hasn't dimmed even slightly with age. Pacino, ever-eager to improvise, is more prone to slapdash riffing. De Niro is, as per his reputation, more taciturn. 

Kathy Mattea named WVU distinguished artist in residence



In this Nov. 22, 2013 file photo, Kathy Mattea performs at the George Jones Tribute - Playin' Possum: The Final No Show, at the Bridgestone Arena in Nashville, Tenn.

Associated Press

MORGANTOWN, W.Va. (AP)

— Country singer Kathy Mattea will be coaching music students at West Vir-

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Actress Gugu Mbatha-Raw dazzles with sheer variety of jobs

By MARK KENNEDY

Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — Sometimes it seems like Gugu Mbatha-Raw is playing some crazy version of show-biz Bingo.

This is a woman who has assembled an astonishing variety of roles in her 36 years. Big-budget Hollywood blockbuster? Sure, "A Wrinkle in Time." What about an 18th-century English drama? Of course, "Belle." Any romantic comedies? Check out "Larry Crowne." She's been on Broadway, in Shakespeare's "Hamlet" no less. And a classic Disney musical with "Beauty and the Beast." Sci-fi? Of course, look at "Cloverfield Paradox." Voicing a puppet? Check out "The Dark Crystal: Age of Resistance."

"I always like the idea of being a chameleon," Mbatha-Raw says. "I always like to feel like I'm stretching myself and doing something opposite to what I did before. Because that keeps me interested and hopefully keeps other people interested."

The actress has a clutch of projects coming out this fall and they're typically diverse: the film noir feature "Motherless Brooklyn," the flagship Apple TV Plus streaming drama "The Morning Show" and the searing indie film "Farming."



This Oct. 21, 2019 photo shows actress Gugu Mbatha-Raw posing for a portrait in New York.

Associated Press

Mbatha-Raw plays a love interest opposite Edward Norton in the actor-director's adaption of Jonathan Lethem's 1999 novel "Motherless Brooklyn" about a private eye with Tourette's syndrome.

Norton went back in time to plunk the story in 1959 and created Mbatha-Raw's character, a community activist from Harlem who forges an unexpected bond with the detective.

"They're both overlooked in different ways," she says. "I think they see something in each other where no

one else sort of sees them, which I thought was really beautiful."

Mbatha-Raw is an actress who does her research. For "A Wrinkle in Time," she visited NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory, so naturally she went to great lengths to get the tone right — walking around Harlem, listening to Miles Davis and Billie Holiday.

"When you're filming in New York, the history is all around you," she says. "And it's such a treat because it really grounds you in a sense of place and time," she said.

Mbatha-Raw goes from the '50s to the present day for "The Morning Show," a series about the cutthroat off-camera world of a morning TV show that stars Jennifer Aniston, Reese Witherspoon and Steve Carell.

She plays an ambitious talent booker and says the show is deeply influenced by our post-#MeToo era media landscape. "It goes to some really interesting dark places," she says. "It's quite juicy and Machiavellian."

Mbatha-Raw graduated from London's Royal Acad-

emy of Dramatic Arts and soon found parts on TV and the stage, like on "Doctor Who" and opposite Jude Law in "Hamlet." Subsequent highlights include the Emmy-winning "Black Mirror" episode "San Junipero" and her first starring film role in "Belle."

Her work often explores race — as she did playing a biracial aristocrat in "Belle" — but she's also appeared in work in which her own race is not commented on, like in the multicultural cast of "A Wrinkle in Time."

Mbatha-Raw's father grew up under apartheid in South Africa and her mother is white and British. "Identity interests me," she says. "I like the freedom to be a three-dimensional artist that can explore all sides of humanity."

She has steered sharply into the topic of racial identity in one current project — "Farming," the harrowing, real-life tale of an African immigrant to England in the 1970s who somehow became a skinhead. It's based on the life of Adewale Akinnuoye-Agbaje, who directs, co-stars and wrote the screenplay.

Mbatha-Raw plays a kindly teacher, an amalgam of three or four real people who helped get Akinnuoye-Agbaje's life back on track. □

Review: Allison Moorer explores family's tragedy on 'Blood'

By STEVEN WINE

Associated Press

Allison Moorer, "Blood" (Autotelic/Thirty Tigers)

Darkness is the first word of one song and a recurring image on "Blood." No wonder — Allison Moorer's autobiographical album explores damage done by her parents' murder-suicide in 1986 when she was 14.

Moorer has also written a new memoir, and "Blood" makes the personal universal, with inspiration to be found in songs of skeletons and ghosts, loss and healing. At the heart of the album is the question Moorer poses: "Can I untie the tie that binds?" she sings, tethered to tragedy.

Her father shot his wife and then himself, and the facts are set out in "Cold Cold Earth," a front porch murder ballad that sounds ancient but actually dates only to 2000, when it appeared on Moorer's second album. Nearly 20 years later, there's still an ache in her voice. "Such a sad, sad world," she sings.

The music confronts and strives to surmount the pain. Moorer expresses sympathy for her troubled father as she sings from his perspective on "Set My Soul Free."

"Nightlight" is a love song directed at her older sister, singer Shelby Lynne, the beauty of their bond tran-

scending the family wreckage.

But there's still anger, and fatigue. "The Rock and the Hill" hits hard, with Moorer singing as her mother, describing a difficult marriage. Eerie pedal steel and discordant fiddle reinforce the mood elsewhere, but the arrangements are mostly stark, befitting the subject matter.

The set ends with the ballad "Heal," which finds Moorer at the piano in prayer. "No matter how I try, I end up on the ground, another orphan waiting in the lost and found," she sings. "Lord, help me heal." She doesn't want darkness to be the last word. □



This cover image released by Autotelic Records/Thirty Tigers shows "Blood," a release by Allison Moorer.

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Scientists: People getting too close to Hawaiian monk seals

Associated Press

HONOLULU (AP) — Photos posted on social media indicate the public has been getting too close to Hawaiian monk seals, a critically endangered species protected by federal and state law, government researchers said in a new study.

Only about 1,400 Hawaiian monk seals remain in the wild, with about 1,100 in the Northwestern Hawaiian Islands and 300 in the main Hawaiian Islands. The animals rest when they lie on the beach after hunting for food in the ocean most of the day. Humans can dis-

rupt their rest if they get too close to the seals to take photos of them or take selfies with the animals. The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration recommends staying 50 feet (15 meters) from monk seals on a shoreline. But researchers studying

2,392 posts uploaded to Instagram from October 2014 to September 2015 say about 22% showed people within 10 feet (3 meters) of a seal. The peer-reviewed study was published last week by the scientific journal PLOS One. "That is way too close," Mark

Sullivan, NOAA researcher and co-author of the study, told the Honolulu Star-Advertiser. "Most of the time, it was the photographer, and we conservatively estimated they were within 10 feet."

The study found that 18% of the posts showed a monk seal responding to some type of disturbance by looking, moving away, or mouthing or barking. Still, a large majority, 82%, of the interactions with humans led to no response from the monk seals, according to the study.

Sullivan acknowledged social media's downfalls for this type of study: Sometimes the posts can be altered, might be shared a week or a year later and do not offer as much accuracy as the trained network of volunteers who report on the status of the seals.

However, he concluded that social media platforms can be an effective tool for researchers to track the behavior and threats to the survival of seals, to help inform management decisions, as well as provide real-time data for population monitoring.

For example, researchers had been monitoring R329, a female monk seal who suffered from a shark bite to her face, but lost track of where she went for months. Then a social media post surfaced showing her swimming on Lanai, where few are sighted. NOAA was able to see that her wound was healing. □

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